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04 November 1986

Elder Nancy Wilson, Clerk
Board of Elders, UFMCC
5300 Santa Monica Blvd
Los Angeles, CA, 90029

COPY

Reverend and dear Nancy

Please accept this letter as a request to be listed henceforth as honorably retired among the clergy of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. In terms of the By-law provisions as to age, I approach sixty; suitable years of service, I have served the UFMCC for eleven years in a professional capacity; and other compelling reasons, it seems to me that in view of the actions of the General Council to suspend its charter and of St Jude's Church to secede from the Fellowship no other course of honor is open to me.

My membership, required under the By-laws, is at the Metropolitan Community Church of Nashville.

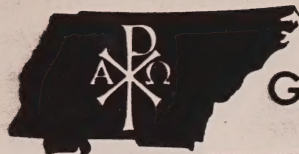
I am proud that I have never said "No" to any call for work from either Fellowship or District or local Church. And it is my firm purpose -- so far as an increasingly infirm body allows -- to accept and faithfully discharge such calling in the future. On the other hand, it is apparent to me that no call to pastorate in UFMCC is to be anticipated. I will not seek such a call. When Troy ordained me in the Fellowship's ministry nine years ago I pledged a life-time commitment: that stands.

As a courtesy, and for record, I send a copy of this letter with the required report to Tom Jordan of CCCC and to Mary Moore of the GLAD. No doubt they will be informed when my request to retire is honored.

Cordially,

+ Shd

Gilbert H. Lincoln



Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

POB 66101, Birmingham, AL 35210

March 5, 1987

Dear District Friends,

Welcome to the opening days of our Spring Conference, April 24-26, "We'll Stand Together," Atlanta, GA, Stanford Inn! Your packet should contain minutes from the last Conference, all District Committee minutes from meetings held since, reports from Committee and Program representatives, financial statement, conference details, registration forms/facts, and agendas. Please note that minutes have been sent to you prior to this mailing and you need to get your copy/ies and attach it/them so that your packet will be complete when you need it.

Our planned program of activity is this:

Wednesday: Arrival of CRC/relicensing/initial licensing people
Thursday: CRCs
Friday: 9-1:00, Church Leadership Committee
2-6:00, District Committee
7:00 p.m., Dinner for Pastors and Guest
5-10:00, Registration
Saturday: 8-9:00 a.m., Lay House B'fast (real B'fast!)
9:15-10:30, Worship (Rev. Ken Martin preaching)
10:30-1:00, Business Meeting
1-2:00, Lunch
2-5:00 p.m., Workshops (Ken Martin on "Sexuality",
June Norris on "Caring Enough to Confront," and
FFO on latest in series of "Theology of Sexuality"
questions--Arlene Robbins and Bruce Hill)
7--Blessed Redeemer is providing "An Evening of
Overtones" (music and play) after a spaghetti
supper (\$5.00 to go to building renovation; please
include with registration fee)
Sunday: 8:30-9:30, Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m., Worship (Rev. Bruce Hill preaching)

Registration fee, which includes the Friday night supper for pastors and guest (attendance expected--40 people), the Lay House breakfast (attendance expected--150 people), the Sunday a.m. continental breakfast, packets (photocopying and mailing), and miscellaneous costs, is \$20.00. Housing will be in the Stanford Inn (see enclosed brochure for hotel info/registration), formerly the Piedmont Inn, and we encourage our brothers and sisters to share rooms to defray costs. Contact other churches if enough people are not coming from your home church for possible "cost cutting."

We look forward to seeing ALL of you (the banner is up for "grabs") in April. Please send your registration forms to MCC of the Blessed Redeemer, POB 8356, Atlanta, GA 30306. Those getting their registration in by April 10th will receive their packets in the mail. Those registrations arriving later will pick up their packets at the registration desk (conference-not hotel!).



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Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

POB 66101, Birmingham, AL 35210

WE'LL STAND TOGETHER

April 23-26, 1987

District Conference!

Atlanta, Georgia

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ EXPECTED TIME _____

I WILL ATTEND "An Evening of Overtones", the dinner and entertainment
Saturday night at the Blessed Redeemer. _____ YES _____ NO

/**For those marking "Yes," please enclose an additional \$5.00./

HOME CHURCH _____

We are looking for people who are trained in interpreting for the deaf/
hearing impaired. If you are planning to attend conference and can offer
some of your time, please note that below.

LIMITED HOUSING MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE BLESSED REDEEMER. PLEASE
CALL THEM AT 404/872-2246.

GOD BLESS! SEE YOU SOON.

P.S. OOPS! PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHEQUES PAYABLE TO GLAD.

Office of the Attorney General
State of New York

DATE: JAN 10, 1963

TO: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

RE: [REDACTED]

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT [REDACTED]

I AM WRITING YOU TO ADVISE YOU THAT [REDACTED]

THE [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

VERY TRULY YOURS,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the State of New York at Albany, New York, this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], 1963.

WITNESSED my hand and the seal of the State of New York at Albany, New York, this [REDACTED] day of [REDACTED], 1963.

NOTARY PUBLIC FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK

1. THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

14 FEBRUARY 87

Committee Members in Attendance: Mary Moore, Rev. Bob Galloway, Dennis Luft, Rev. Lynn Guerra, Loyal Charles, Nancy Gunn and Mary Allen Watson

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

CHARTER REVIEW

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk showing approval of All Saints charter with the recommendation to the General Council that the approval is pending notification by All Saints that a church office outside of a personal home has been secured. The committee also approved a one year exemption for Byron Hilbun to complete his MCC licensing.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to MCC Nashville approving their charter. Additional follow-up papers are due from MCC Nashville: a financial statement and an acknowledged approved congregational packet including the pastor's contract, 1987 budget and goals statement.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to St. Mary's MCC recommending approval of their charter to the General Council.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to MCC Charlotte with a provisional approval of their charter. Since Rev. Lynn Guerra just became a full-time pastor in January, 1987, the committee felt that MCC Charlotte needed to make their budget for the next 6 months prior to having their charter approved.

ACTION

A certified letter will be mailed by the clerk to MCC of the Blessed Redeemer informing them that their packet was incomplete. Additional materials will be requested by March 15, 1987. These items include: names, addresses, telephone numbers of the church staff, deacons, board members and student clergy, a current financial statement, an approved 1987 budget, and additions to the pastor's contract.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to St. John's MCC notifying them that their charter has been approved.

COMMISSION PACKET REVIEW

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to MCC Knoxville informing them that their commission status has been approved.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to MCC Jackson informing them that their commission status has been approved.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to Covenant MCC approving their commission status and also requesting a current contract with their worship coordinator. This contract can be a 30 day renewable contract due to their pastoral search.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to New Life MCC informing them that their commission status has been approved. There is also a need for a financial statement to be mailed to committee members by March 15, 1987.

ACTION

A certified letter will be mailed by the clerk to MCC Montgomery informing them that their commission packet was incomplete. The following materials are needed by March 15, 1987, before commission status can be approved: a copy of their local by-laws, a pastoral contract to include specifics as outlined in the Church Standards and Procedures, a financial statement and a complete goals statement.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to MCC Greenville informing them that their commission status has been approved.

ACTION

A letter will be mailed by the clerk to St. Joan of Arc MCC informing them that their commission status has been approved.

ACTION

A certified letter will be mailed to Tri-Cities MCC and also to MCC Mobile informing them that as of 2/14/87 the District Committee had not received a packet from them regarding church status. A concern by the committee that will be expressed is whether or not these churches are wanting to continue with the UFMCC and the GLAD District or if they are considering other alternatives. Also, an option for each of these churches is to become a parish extension of another church in the District.

CONFERENCE PLANS

Planning for the spring conference was tackled. A schedule was worked out as was an agenda. Communication has been held between Mary Moore and persons at MCC of the Blessed Redeemer regarding conference plans and location. Loyd will aid in following up with hotel/meeting place information the week of 2/16/87.

MCC GREENVILLE FINANCIAL REQUEST

MCC Greenville expressed to the committee a concern about their ministry to women in the community. They asked the district for \$50.00 per month to help facilitate bring in more female pastors to fill the pulpit at least once a month. They are to make this gift from the district a line item on their monthly expense report showing who received this payment.

ACTION Mary Moore will communicate this approval to MCC Greenville.

STANDARDS REVISION

From the Fall Conference, 1986, two articles under Church Status and Procedures were referred back to the District Committee. Article VID was one item and the committee will make the change under church status review to show that an original charter will be reviewed after 1 year while other chartered churches will be reviewed within 1-5 years as stated in the UFMCC By-laws. The other article for revision is Article IV relating to Parish Extensions.

ACTION

The committee members are to send recommendations for article IV to the clerk within a week of this meeting in order for this revision to be included in the spring conference packet.

REQUEST BY CHURCHES FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR EXPENSES TO DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Dennis shared that the committee needed to establish guidelines for small churches who needed assistance with conference expenses. The committee approved assistance for churches whose budget is under \$5,000.00 as that of \$100.00/church per conference. If a churches budget is larger than \$5,000.00, each church in need of aid can receive \$50.00 for conference expenses.

MYRTLE BEACH

Nancy Campbell contacted Mary Moore about starting a church in Myrtle Beach. The committee voted not to approve a new work in Myrtle Beach due to there not being a church started there yet nor has a need come to the attention of the committee or the district.

ACTION Mary Moore will write Nancy Campbell informing her of this decision.

CHURCH UPDATE

Phenix City, Al/Columbus, Ga

A church has come into being. It is just starting. Mary has presented to the group a history of UFMCC, the statement of faith and a structure of the UFMCC. Jim Culbreth is coordinating this group. It is felt that after this group exists for 6 months to a year then it can become affiliated with the UFMCC. There may be a need to secure a pastor to have a dual ministry with Montgomery and Phenix City.

Huntsville

The group has moved into the Unitarian Church. Recently, 45 attended a service. Their budget is around \$800/month. Rev. Paul and Rev. Janet are providing assistance and support.

SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE

AGENDA

25 APRIL 87

Opening Prayer

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Fall District Conference Minutes

Church Leadership Committee Report

District Committee Report

District Coordinator Report

Treasurer's Report

Lay Delegate's Report

Standards: Article IV

Article VID

New Business: Commission on Laity Resolution

Dates: Fall, 1988 conference

Site: Spring, 1988 conference

Local and Elders Nominating Committee

Open Floor

Closing Prayer

CHURCH STATUS STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

OF THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

I. OBJECTIVE

Under the church status standards established by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church By-Laws (herinafter called "UFMCC"), the Gulf Lower Atlantic District (herinafter called "the District") sets the following standards and procedures for the commissioning of churches, the chartering of churches, and the admission of new works.

II. VOTING CHURCH BODIES

A. Chartered Churches

Chartered churches must meet the requirements set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws (Article VI B 2) and additional requirements set by the District.

1. These churches must have a stable membership which demonstrates:

- a. a pledged commitment to uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of UFMCC,
- b. a willingness and ability to support a full-time Pastor,
- c. a willingness to provide to the limit of its ability for the expenses of its Pastor and lay delegate(s) to District and General Conferences,
- d. plans (list of stated goals) for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission.

2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:

- a. At least 10% of its offerings to UFMCC and at least 5% of its offerings to the District, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC By-Laws (Article X B), by the 10th of each month.
- b. In a pastoral contract:
 - (1) a package of at least the equivalent of \$231 per week (52 weeks), which shall be deemed full-time compensation;
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy conference per year; and
 - (3) health insurance.
 - (4) The church office is to be provided outside the pastor's home.
 - (5) The Pastor's contract is to be presented to the congregation, accepted by both parties, and submitted in the packet for charter church status.
 - (6) The Pastor's contract is to include two days a week off each week, at least four weeks for vacation and consideration of some weekends off on a regular basis. Sick leave is to be determined by both parties.

(7) Goals for the care of the pastor are to be included in the contract.

- c. Church facility expenses (office and phone included),
- d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
- e. Full and reasonable expenses to conferences for the Pastor(s) and delegate(s).

3. The Pastor of a Chartered Church must be UFMCC credentialed clergy or be in serious pursuit (registered with the CCCC, taking courses and exams, and complying with the credentialing process of UFMCC). Exceptions will be determined by the District Committee. (District Standard Operating Procedures, Article IV B 3)

B. Commissioned Churches

Commissioned churches must meet the requirements set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws (Article 6 B 1) and additional requirements set by the District.

1. These churches must show a pledged commitment to:

- a. uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of UFMCC,
- b. actively support the work of the church over the next year,
- c. provide adequate financial support to carry out the work of the church over the next year,
- d. insure that those people signing the petition have a record of attendance at organizational meetings.

2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:

- a. At least 10% of offerings to UFMCC and at least 5% of offerings to the District, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC By-Laws (Article X B), by the 10th of each month.
- b. In a pastoral contract:
 - (1) a package of at least \$5.77 per contracted hour (Note: credentialed UFMCC clergy must be contracted for at least 12 hours per week to maintain their credentials),
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy (or training) conference per year,
 - (3) health insurance,
 - (4) phone expenses (base costs and church long distance) and additional expenses for space when the office is in the pastor's home. (Note: Offices in homes are not encouraged for three reasons: Security of the pastor's home, security of church records, and the increased potential for career burn-out),
 - (5) other feasible expense items (car allowance, etc.).
- c. Church facility expenses.
- d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).

- e. Full and reasonable expenses to conferences for the Pastor(s) and delegate(s).
- f. Any exceptions may be made by the District Committee and approved by the District Conference.

III. SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Special ministries indicated by extraordinary circumstances may be created and/or directly supervised by the District Conference/Committee.

IV. PARISH EXTENSIONS

A. Parish Extensions shall be established by the District Committee when:

- 1. There is some interest in forming a congregation in the community where the congregation is to be based.
- 2. There is an established Metropolitan Community Church that will serve as a Parish, providing guidance and fellowship to the new group to become a congregation, and a Fellowship church.
- 3. There is some indigenous leadership ready to deal with such issues as worship space, time, commitment, and financial affairs.

B. When a Parish Extension has been authorized by the District Committee, the District Coordinator shall appoint a person as Pastor with approval of appointment by the District Committee.

- 1. The Pastor shall be responsible for reporting monthly to the District Coordinator and at regular meetings of the District Committee.
- 2. The Pastor shall be responsible for seeing that at least 10% of all offerings shall be remitted to the Fellowship as an undesignated offering, and that at least 5% of all offerings shall be remitted to the District as an undesignated offering, seeing that accurate financial and attendance statistics are maintained and reported to the District Committee and the District Coordinator.
- 3. The Pastor:
 - a. must receive one-half the weekly offering up to \$70 per week,
 - b. shall conduct a minimum of one weekly church service on Sunday,
 - c. shall be provided reasonable telephone and operating expenses.

- 4. Any person seeking to serve in the office of Student Clergy or Deacon must apply in the Parish church for appropriate supervision by the Board of Directors. If the Parish church does not have Fellowship credentialed clergy in pastoral leadership, the applicant may apply to the District for supervision. A suitable advisor will be found for admissible candidates.
- 5. Each Parish Extension shall have one lay delegate for every one hundred members in good standing or portion thereof. The lay delegate will be seated in the Lay House at District Conferences and will have no vote.

V. PRE-EXISTING WORKS

Pre-existing works applying for Commissioned Church status shall meet the requirements as specified in the District Church Status Standards.

VI. PROCEDURES

- A. These standards and procedures shall take effect upon adoption and shall be incorporated at the local church level immediately. Each existing Voting Church Body must make application for the appropriate church status by January 1st, 1987.
- B. Initial application for church status is to include verification of the fulfillment of the requirements as specified in these standards, respective to appropriate church status. Items to include in the application are:
 - 1. The history of the local church body.
 - 2. A petition of support of the Statement of Faith and the By-laws of UFMCC and stated goals for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission by active members of congregation.
 - 3. The current Pastoral contract.
 - 4. A complete financial statement, including assets, pledged tithes and offerings, and liabilities.
 - 5. The current fiscal budget.
 - 6. A membership growth chart.
 - 7. A chart of the average weekly attendance and weekly offerings per month from the previous year OR a copy of each monthly report from the previous year.
 - 8. A goals statement for each area of the seven-fold goals of the mission of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
 - 9. Names, addresses, telephone numbers of the church staff, student clergy, board members and deacons.
 - 10. A copy of the local by-laws or standard operating procedures.
- C. Six copies of each application are to be submitted to those persons designated by the District Coordinator.
- D. Church Status Review
 - 1. The church status of each original chartered church will be reviewed by the District Committee after one year while other chartered churches will be reviewed by the District Committee once every five years. The petition for review submitted by each chartered church should give evidence of continued fulfillment of specified requirements and further growth and progress in each area of the seven-fold goals of the mission of the church.
 - 2. The church status of each commissioned church will be reviewed by the District Committee on an annual basis. The petition for review submitted by each commissioned church should give evidence of continued growth and progress toward charter status.
 - 3. The church status of each Parish Extension will be reviewed by the District Committee on an annual basis. The petition for review submitted by each Parish Extension should give evidence of continued growth and progress toward commission status.

4. In the initial church status application, each church body may designate the District Conference (Spring or Fall) during which it wishes to have its status reviewed. If a church does not designate a preference for future review dates, the District Committee will assign such.
- E. In the event of a previously Chartered Church applying for Charter under the new 1985 By-Laws, the District Committee, if approving the Charter under these standards and procedures, will recommend that the congregation hold their charter from the original date of charter.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT—UFMCC
INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH FEBRUARY, 1987

CHURCH TITHES**	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	ANNUAL TOTALS
Birmingham (Covenant)	\$77.22	\$80.47											\$157.69
Huntsville	43.69	40.56											84.25
Mobile	27.50	28.33											55.83
Montgomery	28.46	23.57											52.03
Phenix City, AL - Columbus, GA (New Light)		4.78											4.78
Atlanta (All Saints) TITHES IN ARREARS													0.00
Atlanta (Blessed Redeemer) TITHES IN ARREARS	113.67												113.67
Jackson	35.80	36.06											71.86
Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	101.98	79.92											181.90
Charlotte (New Life)	107.35	94.95											202.30
Greensboro (St. Mary's)	89.01	63.08											152.09
Raleigh (St. John's)	164.91	167.63											332.54
Charleston (St. Joan of Arc)	41.93	53.34											95.27
Greenville	21.67	16.02											37.69
Knoxville	60.94	53.62											114.56
Nashville TITHES IN ARREARS		60.49											60.49
Tri-Cities	6.01	8.58											14.59
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES **	\$920.14	\$811.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,731.54
NON-TITHE INCOME													
Money Market interest	20.25	16.24											36.49
Savings interest													0.00
Travel agency rebate		139.90											139.90
													0.00
													0.00
													0.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME	\$20.25	\$156.14	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	176.39
TOTAL INCOME	\$940.39	\$967.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,907.93

** PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TITHES ARE CURRENT UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED.
TITHES DUE JANUARY 10 FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED
FROM ALL SAINTS & NASHVILLE. TITHES DUE FEBRUARY 10 FOR THE MONTH
OF JANUARY HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM ALL SAINTS & BLESSED REDEEMER.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
EXPENSES PAID THROUGH FEBRUARY, 1987

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GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMDC
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
FEBRUARY, 1987

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07 October 1986

Rev'd Marge Ragona
& MCC of Mobile
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dear Marge and dear Friends

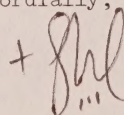
On behalf the Congregation of St Jude's MCC, and for myself, I wish to thank you for your special offering to UFMCC, given to help offset our delinquent tithes to the Fellowship-

It is a genuine act of fellowship that in such a way people bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of love. And that act of fellowship on your part far transcends the answering of a merely financial need. While our Fellowship is constituted and reconstituted by such acts of sharing concern for one another, it has a hope-filled future and what's more has the blessing and prospering Power of Holy Spirit.

It is our hope, expressed in our proposal for repayment of the delinquent tithes, to discharge that obligation during the next two years while remaining current with that continuing responsibility. We have been making such supplemental payments with our monthly tithe remittance regularly since making the proposal. In the end -- if it please God so to enable us -- we mean to remit the full amount so that your gift will then constitute an extra, a bonus, a truly unlooked for fruit of faith.

We look forward to your companionship at District Conference and hope that many of you can and will be present! If we can do anything to make your visit in Columbia more comfortable and pleasant, we will do it gladly.

Cordially,

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GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER, 1986

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$32.18)	(\$319.81)	(\$319.81)	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$675.21
INCOME:									
Offering from Saturday a.m. service						\$374.25			
Profit from registration fees & t-shirt sales						620.77			
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$995.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
EXPENSES:									
Registration fee for Rev. Elder Perry			\$15.00						
Music purchased for performance at conference			17.18						
Per diem for Rev. Elder Perry & Rev. Ziegler				\$120.00					
Lodging for Rev. Elder Perry & Rev. Ziegler				167.63					
Registration & travel-D.C.									\$116.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32.18	\$287.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$32.18)	(\$319.81)	(\$319.81)	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$559.21

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JANUARY - SEPTEMBER, 1986

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$5,261.29	\$5,291.44	\$5,315.80	\$5,340.20	\$5,364.32	\$4,590.14	\$4,388.00	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43
INCOME:									
Transferred from checking account	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$238.36	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Money market interest	30.15	24.36	24.40	24.12	23.68	0.00	45.43	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$480.15	\$174.36	\$174.40	\$174.12	\$173.68	\$238.36	\$195.43	\$150.00	\$150.00
EXPENSES:									
Salary Supp./Travel Allowance-D.C.	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Aid to Memphis church	300.00								
Utility bill owed by Memphis church					184.31				
Rent owed by Memphis church					208.55				
Travel expenses of district officers to Columbia					405.00	290.50			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$947.86	\$440.50	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$5,291.44	\$5,315.80	\$5,340.20	\$5,364.32	\$4,590.14	\$4,388.00	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
CHECKING ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES PAID FOR JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1986

BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
Salary-District Coordinator	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Travel Exp.-District Off. (Dist. Travel)	150.00	75.00	172.79	11.00	0.00	17.60	313.00	320.00	458.00	379.35
Communications										
Telephone		76.61	69.92	116.07	95.33	21.87	116.54	244.39	0.00	119.34
Postage		44.00	5.79	44.00	7.09	36.92	0.00	32.00	17.28	37.79
Office Supplies		40.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
Photocopying Charges		25.00	25.00	112.06	107.73	88.08	25.00	25.00	25.00	(12.06)
Subtotal Communications	125.00	186.37	100.71	272.13	210.15	146.87	177.53	301.39	42.28	145.07
General Council & Dist. Conf. Exp.-D.C.	100.00	248.00	0.00	62.41	133.75	82.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	468.00
District Reps. (FFD.COL., etc.)	75.00	0.00	0.00	212.00	0.00	0.00	346.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$850.00	\$909.37	\$673.50	\$957.54	\$743.90	\$647.25	\$1,236.53	\$1,036.39	\$900.28	\$1,392.42
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$1,065.68	\$1,122.25	\$918.66	\$1,459.69	\$1,184.79
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES		(909.37)	(673.50)	(957.54)	(743.90)	(647.25)	(1,236.53)	(1,036.39)	(900.28)	(1,392.42)
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER BUDGETED EXPENSES		\$301.90	\$155.18	\$30.17	\$417.07	\$418.43	(\$114.28)	(\$117.73)	\$559.41	(\$207.63)
DISPOSITION OF EXCESS:										
Transfer to money market		450.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	238.36	150.00	150.00	150.00
Quarterly FICA tax due from employer for D.C.					85.80			85.80		
Non-budgeted expenses-see note(s)										
To increase (decrease) checking account balance		(148.10)	5.18	(119.83)	181.27	268.43	(352.64)	(353.53)	409.41	(362.63)
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,114.56	\$966.46	\$971.64	\$851.81	\$1,033.08	\$1,301.51	\$948.87	\$595.34	\$1,004.75	
INCREASE (DECREASE) FOR MONTH	(148.10)	5.18	(119.83)	181.27	268.43	(352.64)	(353.53)	409.41	(362.63)	
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$966.46	\$971.64	\$851.81	\$1,033.08	\$1,301.51	\$948.87	\$595.34	\$1,004.75	\$642.12	

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT--UFMCC
CHECKING ACCOUNT
INCOME STATEMENT FOR JANUARY - SEPTEMBER, 1986

CHURCH TITHES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPT
Birmingham (Covenant)	\$72.56	\$54.73	\$65.83	\$66.90	\$46.42	\$57.43	\$83.32	\$69.39	\$66.96
Mobile	33.70	23.27	20.13	26.35	25.46	40.26	35.98	26.56	40.79
Montgomery	38.84	39.95	27.20	32.89	25.24	25.87	40.58	26.27	27.25
Atlanta (All Saints) *	100.11	68.48	79.18	119.98	87.37	122.21		263.65	
Atlanta (Blessed Redeemer) **	63.77	104.94	102.01		162.92	139.79		233.51	
Jackson	29.28	31.08	32.35	40.37	28.12	32.37	43.57		80.64
Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	88.38	83.32	65.70	76.30	63.95	58.43	83.73	90.82	87.08
Charlotte (New Life)	104.26		148.23	197.86	86.64	147.98		211.97	188.40
Greensboro	84.46	78.41	99.93	114.42	76.53	97.83	115.39	74.59	105.44
Hickory X								25.09	
Raleigh	295.71	162.06	158.82	210.07	151.65	107.30	164.73	133.88	165.49
Charleston	62.12	47.18	45.40	54.70	54.65	58.83	56.12	54.90	48.80
Columbia Y						59.64	48.99	47.53	44.63
Greenville	8.93	10.14	16.18	25.39	24.45	24.40	29.44	26.75	29.28
Knoxville	47.78	38.75	42.21	77.92	37.11	57.32	60.05	61.21	56.03
Memphis	21.17								
Nashville	147.83	69.22	77.26	102.33	114.68	79.69	124.97	63.84	85.41
Tri-Cities	12.37	17.15	7.28	15.49	14.65	12.90	16.79	19.82	9.41
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES ***	\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$999.84	\$1,122.25	\$903.66	\$1,429.78	\$1,035.61
NON-TITHE INCOME									
MCC Memphis--refund of unused post office box fees					11.15				
MCC Knoxville--replacement of stale-dated checks					29.00				
Residual of MCC Memphis bank account					25.69				
Honorarium received by D.C. donated to district							15.00		
Rebate from travel agency								29.91	24.18
Miscellaneous donations									125.00
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.84	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$29.91	\$149.18
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$1,065.68	\$1,122.25	\$918.66	\$1,459.69	\$1,184.79

X Tithes for period November, 1985 through June 15, 1986.

Y No tithes paid for November 1985-April 1986. Amount owed \$421.84.

* Tithes running one month in arrears.

** Tithes running two months in arrears.

*** Tithes due for prior month unless otherwise indicated.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS MINUTES

GLAD DISTRICT

Date: 31 October 86

Location: Best Western, Columbia, South Carolina

Time: 9:00am-12noon and 6:00pm-8:00pm

Members present:	Atlanta, Ga	Rev. Bruce Hill
	Atlanta, Ga	Byron Hilbun
	Birmingham, Al	Ms. Mary Moore
	Charleston, SC	Rev. Frank Lail
	Charlotte, NC	Rev. Lynn Guerra
	Charlotte, NC	Rev. Arthur Fleschner
	Greensboro, NC	Rev. Christine Oscar
	Greenville, SC	Randy Lowe
	Jackson, Ms	Rev. Sam Edelman-Richard
	Knoxville, Th	Rev. Bob Galloway
	Mobile, Al	Rev. Marge Ragona
	Montgomery, Al	not present
	Nashville, Th	Rev. Paul Tucker
	Raleigh, NC	Rev. June Norris
	Tri-Cities, Th	not present
	Rev. Gil Lincoln	

The meeting was opened with prayer and each person present shared about their personal place in life and their place in relation to their churches.

COLUMBIA

The discussion began when Rev. Gil Lincoln was not present, but he joined the meeting shortly thereafter. Rev. Lincoln shared about St. Jude's decision on 10/29/86 to secede from the UFMCC. He shared a letter addressing their decision. He shared that the church had resolved this issue in their own minds. He went on to say that the members prize friendships and associations in the district. He made the Board of Home Missions aware that St. Jude's was providing a hospitality room with a typewriter, copier and refreshments during this conference. Discussion centered around whether or not the BofHM should meet with St. Jude's, drafting a letter from the BofHM to St. Jude's, and sending a letter to the General Council asking a question about dual affiliation regarding St. Jude's members. Three motions came out of this discussion.

MOTION: Ask the General Council if a local MCC disaffiliates with the UFMCC, may people who continue to hold their membership with that church body and who continue to participate in that worship service and the UFMCC clergy person with that church body be received under UFMCC By-Laws in other UFMCC churches under the aspect of dual affiliation?

Moved: Fleschner

SECOND: Guerra

VOTE: Approved with 2 abstentions

MOTION: Draft a letter from the Board of Home Missions to St. Jude's expressing regret to St. Jude's about what has transpired and grief in the loss of that church body from the District and the UFMCC and an open door for reapplication in the future. Rev. June Norris and Rev. Sam Edelman-Richard will prepare a draft to be approved by the Board of Home Missions.

Moved: Edelman-Richard

SECOND: Hill

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: The Board of Home Missions will not intervene with St. Jude's at the present time out of love and respect.

MOVED: Edelman-Richard

SECOND: Guerra

VOTE: Approved

MCC JACKSON

There have been miscommunications/misunderstandings coming out of the Jackson area regarding MCC. A few previous members are continuing to keep problems in the forefront. Rev. Edelman-Richard shared that MCC Jackson had lost only 5 members. She did not feel that she had been asked about the current situation and felt that she needed to be heard as did MCC Jackson. It was shared with the Board of Home Missions that the District Committee was recommending a plan for conflict resolution whereby an objective 4th party go to Jackson and meet with previous members, MCC Jackson, and Mary Moore as District Committee representative. It is hoped with this meeting that the truth will be brought out, and that a solution can be found to help ease the tensions.

Hickory

The group meeting in Hickory decided not to have a Sunday worship service. They are holding a rap group on Wednesday evenings.

Asheville

The group that had been meeting has dissolved.

Liaison Assistant District Coordinators

A request was made for recommendations for other persons who are possibly interested in becoming Liaison ADC's. Names suggested were Carolyn Mobley from MCC of the Blessed Redeemer, Bobby Womack and Dave Witt from New Life MCC.

Standards and Procedures

These were discussed briefly. Concerns centered around the issue of chartered churches and the application process.

ACTION

Divide the Board of Home Missions into subcommittees and appoint a chairperson of each subcommittee. These subcommittees will review church status applications and the chairperson will send information to the District Committee. Each church needs to send 6 copies to persons who will be designated by the District Coordinator.

All Saints MCC Charter

MOTION: Accept All Saints Charter application and send it to the General Council

MOVED: Norris

SECOND: Edelman-Richard

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MCC Knoxville Commissioned Church application

MOTION: Return MCC Knoxville's Commissioned Church application in order that they can include the 2 missing seven fold goals.

MOVED: Guerra

SECOND: Tucker

VOTE: Approved with 2 abstentions

MOTION: To adjourn

MOVED: Fleschner

SECOND: Galloway

VOTE: Approved

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

OF THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

I. OBJECTIVE

Under the church status standards established by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church By-Laws (hereinafter called "UFMCC"), the Gulf Lower Atlantic District (hereinafter called "the District") sets the following standards and procedures for the commissioning of churches, the chartering of churches, and the admission of new works.

II. VOTING CHURCH BODIES

A. Chartered Churches

Chartered churches must meet the requirements set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws (Article VI B 2) and additional requirements set by the District.

1. These churches must have a stable membership which demonstrates:

- a. a pledged commitment to uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of UFMCC,
- b. a willingness and ability to support a full-time Pastor,
- c. a willingness to provide to the limit of its ability for the expenses of its Pastor(s) and lay delegate(s) to District and General Conferences,
- d. plans (list of stated goals) for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission.

2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:

- a. At least 10% of its offerings to UFMCC and at least 5% of its offerings to the District, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC By-Laws (Article X B), by the 10th of each month.
 - b. In a pastoral contract:
 - (1) a package of at least the equivalent of \$231 per week (52 weeks), which shall be deemed full-time compensation;
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy conference per year; and
 - (3) health insurance.
 - (4) The church office is to be provided outside the pastor's home.
 - (5) The Pastor's contract is to be presented to the congregation, accepted by both parties, and submitted in the packet for charter church status.
 - (6) The Pastor's contract is to include two days a week off each week, at least four weeks for vacation and consideration of some weekends off on a regular basis. Sick leave is to be determined by both parties.
 - (7) Goals for the care of the pastor are to be included in the contract.
 - c. Church facility expenses (office and phone included),
 - d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
 - e. Full and reasonable expenses to conferences for the Pastor(s) and delegate(s).
3. The Pastor of a Chartered Church must be UFMCC credentialed clergy or be in serious pursuit (registered with the COCC, taking courses and exams, and complying with the credentialing process of UFMCC). Exceptions will be determined by the District Committee. (District Standard Operating Procedures, Article IV B 3)

B. Commissioned Churches

Commissioned churches must meet the requirements set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws (Article 6 B 1) and additional requirements set by the District.

1. These churches must show a pledged commitment to:

- a. uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of UFMCC,
- b. actively support the work of the church over the next year,
- c. provide adequate financial support to carry out the work of the church over the next year,
- d. insure that those people signing the petition have a record of attendance at organizational meetings.

2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:

- a. At least 10% of offerings to UFMCC and at least 5% of offerings to the District, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC

By-Laws (Article X B), by the 10th of each month.

b. In a pastoral contract:

- (1) a package of at least \$5.77 per contracted hour (Note: credentialed UPMCC clergy must be contracted for at least 12 hours per week to maintain their credentials),
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy (or training) conference per year,
 - (3) health insurance,
 - (4) phone expenses (base costs and church long distance) and additional expenses for space when the office is in the pastor's home. (Note: Offices in homes are not encouraged for three reasons: Security of the pastor's home, security of church records, and the increased potential for career burn-out),
 - (5) other feasible expense items (car allowance, etc.).
- c. Church facility expenses.
- d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
- e. Full and reasonable expenses to conferences for the Pastor(s) and delegate(s).
- f. Any exceptions may be made by the District Committee and approved by the District Conference.

III. SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Special ministries indicated by extraordinary circumstances may be created and/or directly supervised by the District Conference/Committee.

IV. PARISH EXTENSIONS

(TABLED AND REFERRED TO DISTRICT COMMITTEE)

V. PRE-EXISTING WORKS

Pre-existing works applying for Commissioned Church status shall meet the requirements as specified in the District Church Status Standards.

VI. PROCEDURES

- A. These standards and procedures shall take effect upon adoption and shall be incorporated at the local church level immediately. Each existing Voting Church Body must make application for the appropriate church status by January 1st, 1987.
- B. Initial application for church status is to include verification of the fulfillment of the requirements as specified in these standards, respective to appropriate church status. Items to include in the application are:
1. The history of the local church body.
 2. A petition of support of the Statement of Faith and the By-laws of UPMCC and stated goals for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission by active members of congregation.
 3. The current contract with the Pastor.
 4. A complete financial statement, including assets, pledged tithes and offerings, and liabilities.
 5. The current fiscal budget.
 6. A membership growth chart.
 7. A chart of the average weekly attendance and weekly offerings per month from the previous year OR a copy of each monthly report from the previous year.
 8. A goals statement for each area of the seven-fold goals of the mission of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, care of pastor, and mission).
 9. Names, addresses, telephone numbers of the church staff, student clergy, board members and deacons.
 10. A copy of the local by-laws or standard operating procedures.
- C. Six copies of each application are to be submitted to those persons designated by the District Coordinator.
- D. Church Status Review

(TABLED AND REFERRED TO DISTRICT COMMITTEE)

- E. In the event of a previously Chartered Church applying for Charter under the new 1985 By-Laws, the District Committee, if approving the Charter under these standards and procedures, will recommend that the congregation hold their charter from the original date of charter.

OF THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

ARTICLE I. NAME AND BOUNDARIES

- A. The name of this body shall be the Gulf Lower Atlantic District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The Gulf Lower Atlantic District hereinafter called "the District" exists under the provisions of the by-laws of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, hereinafter called "UFMCC". The UFMCC by-laws shall govern these Standard Operating Procedures and all actions taken by the District or its officers.
- B. The District shall comprise the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Action of the General Conference of UFMCC or the General Council of UFMCC affecting the boundaries of this District shall automatically amend this section without specific District action.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this District is to encourage Christian fellowship and mutual cooperation, to enable and empower Christian ministry within our jurisdiction through the member congregations and bodies, and other objectives as set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws. (Article V C)

ARTICLE III. DOCTRINE, SACRAMENTS, AND RITES

- A. The doctrine, sacraments, and rites of this District shall be those of UFMCC as stated in the UFMCC by-laws. (Article III)

ARTICLE IV. MINISTRY

This District affirms the universal priesthood of all believers (I Peter 2:5-10). All members of the Church are called by God to a ministry of the Gospel of Christ in the Church and in the world. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV)

A.. Clergy

1. Clergy are those called by God, authorized and legally recognized by UFMCC to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacraments.
2. This District recognizes the right of UFMCC to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the responsibilities, qualifications, credentials, and discipline of UFMCC clergy as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article IV B)

B. Pastor

1. The pastor is that person responsible for the duties of teacher, preacher, spiritual leader, and counselor within a local church congregation.
2. Local chartered churches and local commissioned churches elect a pastor. It would be encouraged that a local commissioned church seek the assistance of the District Coordinator in securing a pastor. The pastor of a commissioned church must be approved by the District Coordinator and by the District Committee.
3. Pastors must be credentialed clergy in UFMCC unless an exception is made by the District Committee. Exceptions will be approved for no more than one year at which time the District Committee will review the status. At the time of approval a covenant will be established between the applicant, local church and the District Committee.
4. This District recognizes the right of UFMCC to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the qualifications, responsibilities, and termination of service of pastors as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V B 2)

C. Student Clergy

1. Student Clergy are those who feel called by God to prepare to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacrament. For a limited time they may serve in this position to test their call and to develop needed skills.
2. This District recognizes the right of UFMCC to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the responsibilities, qualifications, appointments, training and discipline of student clergy as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article IV B 2).
3. A copy of The Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee student clergy registration must be forwarded to the District Coordinator by student clergy upon approval by the appointing authority.

4. If the need arises the District Coordinator may request student clergy to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the Church Leadership Committee. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV B 2 f)

D. Deacon

If the need arises the District Coordinator may request a deacon to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the District Committee. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV A 2 f)

ARTICLE V. GOVERNMENT AND OFFICERS

THE government of this District is vested in its District Conference which exerts the right to control all of its affairs subject to these Standard Operating Procedures and the By-laws of UFMCC.

A. Church Leadership Committee

1. The Church Leadership Committee's purpose is to act in an advisory capacity to the District Committee.
2. The Church Leadership Committee shall be composed of a pastor from each church.
3. The chief items that this committee will address/discuss will be the initial review of church status, deaconate and student clergy appointees, and in-coming pastoral applicants of non-chartered churches. These recommendations forthcoming will be given to the District Committee.
4. The Church Leadership Committee shall meet immediately (not more than one week) prior to each District Conference in the city where the District Conference is to be held.
5. The District Coordinator shall serve as Moderator and the District Clerk will record the minutes and provide pertinent information to the District Committee.
6. The Church Leadership Committee shall be empowered to make recommendations to the District Conference floor.

B. District Committee

The District Committee is that body elected by the District Conference to carry on the administrative affairs of the District in an orderly manner between District Conferences. All actions of the District Committee must be reported to and approved by the District Conference except where specifically provided for in these Standard Operating Procedures or the UFMCC By-laws. If any action taken by the District committee is not approved, such rectification as is possible must be undertaken by the District Committee as soon as possible with the further approval of the District Conference.

1. Members

The officers of the District shall be the District Committee and shall consist of District Coordinator, Assistant District Coordinator, District Clerk, District Treasurer, District Lay Representative, and District Clergy Representative.

a. District Coordinator

- (1) The District Coordinator shall be elected to a four year term at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years.
- (2) The duties of the District Coordinator shall be to: (a) provide spiritual direction and guidance, (b) act as Moderator at all District Conferences and meetings, (c) represent the District as a member of the the UFMCC General Council, (d) represent the General Council within the District, (d) coordinate and administer the work of the District in achieving its purposes, and (e) assure, with the approval of the District Committee, that every church within the District is supplied with pastoral leadership. It shall be the right and duty of the District Coordinator, or any representative whom the District Coordinator may delegate, to visit all churches within the District at least once a year. The District Coordinator shall also serve as the chair of the District Committee.
- (3) To enable an orderly transfer of leadership/resources, the outgoing District Coordinator will meet at least once within the first month of the new District Coordinator's term for transference of records and training at the District expense.

b. Assistant District Coordinator

- (1) An Assistant District Coordinator shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years.
- (2) The Assistant District Coordinator assumes the chair at meetings of the District

Conference or District Committee in the absence of the District Coordinator or at the District Coordinator's request. The Assistant District Coordinator shall perform other duties as deemed appropriate by the District Coordinator and/or the District Committee.

c. District Clerk

- (1) The District Clerk shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years.
- (2) The District Clerk shall be responsible for: (a) the recording and expeditious distribution of the minutes of the District business meetings to all voting members of the previous District Conference, including the District Committee and the Church Leadership Committee meetings (confidentiality applies only to discussion, not decision or actions), (b) for maintaining current lists of district committees and mailing lists, and (c) for keeping orderly files of District records and pertinent materials including District statistical information.
- (3) The District Clerk shall also be responsible for correspondence and other duties as deemed appropriate when mandated by the District Coordinator or the District Committee.

d. District Treasurer

- (1) The District Treasurer shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years.
- (2) The District Treasurer shall be responsible for: (a) the receipt and safekeeping of all funds of the District, (b) the disbursing of funds as directed by the District Committee and in accordance with the budget adopted by the District Conference, (c) the keeping of accurate books of all accounts payable and accounts receivable, (d) the preparation of a monthly statement report which shall be sent to the District Coordinator and filed in the district records, and (e) the preparation of a quarterly statement report which shall be sent to members of the District Committee, to all district congregations through the clergy and lay delegates, and to the General Council. The District Treasurer shall present a financial report at each District Conference.

e. District Lay Representative

- (1) The Lay Representative of the District shall be elected for a two year term by the lay delegates present at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years and confirmed by the Conference floor. A separate election for the Alternate Lay Representative will then be held at the same conference.
- (2) The District Lay Representative shall serve as the elected lay representative to the UFMOC Commission on Laity. The responsibilities of the Lay Representative shall include (a) educating and informing the laity on the function and activities of lay persons within this District by speaking/preaching, visiting, distributing printed materials, (b) acting as an advocate for the interests of the District's laity, and (c) serving as a member of the District Committee.

f. Clergy Representative

- (1) The Clergy Representative of the District shall be elected for a two year term by the clergy present at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years and confirmed by the Conference floor. A separate election for the Alternate Clergy Representative will then be held at the same conference.
- (2) The duties of the Clergy Representative will be to act as an advocate for the interests of the clergy in the district and to serve on the District Committee.

2. Responsibilities

The District Committee shall carry out the following responsibilities:

- a. propose a budget to the District Conference each year (autumn) and implement such a budget effective January 1 subsequent to when adopted;
- b. establish a procedure for formulating and distributing a tentative agenda to be mailed to all delegates, District Officers, and congregations at least thirty (30) days prior to the Conference;
- c. establish and make appointments to District committees and task forces;
- d. carry out the directives of the District Conference and of the General Conference as appropriate;
- e. act upon petitions for commissioning and chartering based upon the recommendations by

the Church Leadership Committee according to the procedures established by the District Conference;

- f. name the Board(s) of Trustees of any property acquired by the District; and
- g. perform other duties as specified in the UFMCC By-laws, the District Standard Operating Procedures, and/or the District Church Status Standards.

C. District Liaisons

1. One District Liaison will be appointed by the District Coordinator (approved by the District Committee) for every five (5) congregations in the district.
2. The duties of the District Liaisons are: (a) facilitation of unity among the congregations, (b) representation of the District in local congregational matters, (c) front-line intercession, and (d) representation of local congregational matters to the District Committee.
3. The District Liaison are ex-officio members of the District Committee.

D. District Representatives to UFMCC Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Institutions

1. General Council

- a. The District Coordinator shall represent the District on the General Council of UFMCC as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V D 3)
- b. The election and responsibilities of the District Coordinator are as specified in the District Standard Operating Procedures. (Article V B 1 a)

2. Commission on the Laity

- a. The District Lay Representative shall represent the District on the Commission on the Laity as specified in the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V C 3 b (4))
- b. The election and responsibilities are as specified in the District Standard Operating Procedures. (Article V B 1 e)

3. UFMCC Commission of Faith, Fellowship, and Order

- a. The District shall elect one Lay and one Clergy Representative to the UFMCC Commission of Faith, Fellowship, and Order, and their alternates, for two year terms at the District Conference business meeting immediately following General Conference.
- b. Representatives shall attend Commission meetings whenever possible, present FFO Workshops at District meetings when workshops are available, and serve this District as required by the Commission.

4. Third World Ministries.

- a. The District shall elect a Third World Ministries Representative and an alternate for two year terms at the District Conference business meeting immediately following General Conference.
- b. The Representative shall attend meetings whenever possible, share information with the District and provide workshops when available to the District.

5. Elders Nominating Committee.

- a. The District shall elect one Lay and one Clergy Representative to the Elders Nominating Committee, and their alternates, at the business meeting immediately prior to General Conference for terms expiring at the end of the election of the Elders.
- b. Prior to General Conference, these Representatives shall collect input from District congregations on possible nominees for the Board of Elders.

E. All District Committee members, District Representatives, and appointed or elected staff must be members in good standing of local church bodies within the District during their term of office. The discipline of these positions shall be in accordance with the provisions of the UFMCC By-laws. (Article V C 2 c)

F. No District officer or representative may hold more than one District position at any one time.

G. All District Committee Officers shall submit written reports on the fulfillment of their duties which will be included in the conference packets.

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Coordinator, the Assistant District Coordinator will serve as Acting District Coordinator until the next District Conference at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.
2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Assistant District Coordinator, the District Committee shall appoint an interim Assistant District Coordinator to serve until the next District Conference at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.
3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Clerk, the District Committee shall appoint an interim District Clerk to serve until the next regularly scheduled District Conference at which time a person shall be elected to fill the remainder of the regular term of office.
4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Treasurer, the District Committee shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled District Conference at which time a person shall be elected to fill the remainder of the regular term of office.
5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Lay Representative, District Clergy Representative, District FPO Representative, or District Third World Ministries Representative, the person who is the alternate representative shall fill the remainder of the term. An alternate representative will be elected at the next District Conference. Should both the position of representative and alternate be vacant, the District Committee shall appoint a representative. The appointment shall stand until the next District Conference.
6. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Representative to the Elders Nominating Committee, Alternate Lay/Clergy Representatives shall fill the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- A. The District Conference shall be held twice a year, one in the spring and one in the autumn, dates to be set at least 18 months in advance. The spring conference may be primarily for fellowship and spiritual renewal; the autumn conference shall also include elections and business.
- B. The place of the spring conference shall be determined at the previous spring conference. The place of the autumn conference shall be determined at the previous autumn conference.
- C. Special District Conferences may be called as specified in the By-laws of UFMCC (Article IX B). The call of such a conference shall specify the date and place of the meeting and the subject(s) to be considered. It shall be the responsibility of the District Clerk to provide thirty (30) days written notice of such a call to all voting members of the District Conference. Only business specified in the call of the meeting shall be considered.
- D. A quorum shall consist of no less than fifty-five (55) percent of all eligible clergy and fifty-five (55) percent of all eligible lay delegates of the District. An eligible lay delegate is a person from a church whose District and UFMCC tithes, that are due by the 10th of the month preceding the Conference, have been received by the respective District treasurer and the UFMCC treasurer, postmarked by the 10th of that month. Exceptions can be made by the District Conference on a good faith effort.
- E. The program and tentative agenda for all District Conferences must be approved and distributed by the District Committee 30 days prior to the conference. (GLAD SOP'S Article V B 2)
- F. Rules of procedure at a District Conference business meeting shall be those of the most recent General Conference of UFMCC. It shall be the prerogative of the moderator, unless overruled by a majority vote of the eligible voting delegates, to permit persons to speak to an issue even if they are not elected representatives of the District church bodies or UFMCC clergy affiliated with the District.
- G. The District Coordinator shall have the responsibility of providing reasonable opportunity for the introduction of new business from the floor except at a Special District Conference.
- H. The proposed budget of the District must be distributed by the District Committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the District Conference.
- I. All UFMCC clergy who are members of local church bodies in the District shall be entitled to speak and to vote. Each church shall be entitled to the number of voting delegates according to the By-laws of UFMCC (Article V B 4) and members of the District Committee shall have a voice and vote in their respective houses.
- J. Lay members of UFMCC shall be eligible for election to any office of the District for which they are qualified, in accordance with the UFMCC By-laws (Article V C 3) and District Standard Operating Procedures.
- K. The costs of a District Conference shall be borne by the District which may recoup any or all

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of these costs through a registration fee. The District will be responsible for paying the portion of registration costs, housing, transportation, and per diem of its District Committee members which are not the prior responsibility of a local church body. This will be put into effect gradually with the District being responsible in the Fall of 1986, for registration and transportation costs of the District Committee members. In the Spring of 1987, the District will pay registration, transportation, and housing costs. In the Fall of 1987, the District will pay the registration, transportation, housing and per diem costs of its District Committee members.

- L. With the exception of the Sunday worship service, all offerings shall be collected immediately by the District Treasurer and shall be considered District funds. Profits realized through the sales of books and/or items by any congregation belong to the congregation offering the item(s).
- M. All conference materials, agendas, budgets, reports, etc., shall be mailed to all non-voting conference registrants who register fourteen days prior to the conference. Voting delegates will receive their packets thirty (30) days in advance. District newsletters and Treasurer's reports are not included in conference materials. These items are to be photocopied by the lay representative and made available to each member of their local congregation upon receipt (monthly and quarterly respectively).

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

- A. Each congregation is required to contribute to the District, on a monthly basis, a minimum of five (5) percent of all collected funds, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the UFMCC By-laws (Article X B) by the 10th of each month. These monies will be used by the District to help expand Christian outreach and defray District administrative costs.
- B. When conducting official District business; housing costs, per diem, and travel costs of the District Coordinator, the Assistant District Coordinator, or other persons officially representing the District shall be paid on the basis of either actual cost of plane, train, bus, or mileage at the current IRS business mileage rate or that reasonable amount approved through the budgeting process of the District. Such costs shall be reimbursed only if approved in advance by the District Conference, the District Committee, or by the District Coordinator.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Permanent District files shall be maintained in the custody of the District Coordinator and the District Clerk.
- B. The District Coordinator shall appoint a Parliamentarian for each District business session.
- C. It is the policy of this District, whenever possible, to maintain a parity of clergy and laity, with geographic representation, inclusive of differently abled, race and gender on committees, task forces, and working groups.
- D. Neither the District Coordinator office nor local chartered church offices may be in private homes. No local church address may be a private home.
- E. Monthly statistical reports shall be submitted to the District Treasurer by the 10th of each month.

ARTICLE IX. APPROVAL AND AMENDMENTS OF THESE POWERS

- A. These Standard Operating Procedures shall come into effect when they are adopted by the District Conference on an interim basis and finalized when ratified by the General Council. Two-thirds of the voting clergy and two-thirds of the voting laity shall be necessary to adopt these Standard Operating Procedures.
- B. These Standard Operating Procedures may be amended or repealed on an article-by-article basis at any duly convened meeting of the District Conference. They shall be proposed in writing and distributed to all voting delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the District Conference by any District Officer, any UFMCC credentialed clergy, any lay delegate, or the Board of any local church group. To be adopted, any amendment or change to these procedures must be approved by two-thirds of the voting clergy and two-thirds of the voting laity. Amendments become effective when ratified by the General Council.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Date: 1 November 86

Location: Best Western, Columbia, South Carolina

Time: 10:30am - 9:00pm

Representatives present:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Lsity</u>
Atlanta (AS)	Byron Hilbun (non-voting)	Doug Martin
Atlanta (BR)	Rev. B Hill	
	Rev. J Hose	Eric Nicholson
Birmingham	Mary Moore (non-voting)	June Gingrich
Charleston	Frank Lail (non-voting)	Jim Wylie
Charlotte (MC)	Rev. L Guerra	Arlene Robbins
Charlotte (NL)	Rev. A Fleschner	Eddie Joy
Greensboro	Rev. C Oscar	Donna Melton
Greenville	Randy Lowe (non-voting)	Leroy Lawhorn
Jackson	Rev. S Edelman-Richard	Hank E-Richard
Knoxville	Rev. B Galloway	Cassie Hohanshelt
Mobile	Rev. M Ragona	Larry Hutson
Nashville	Rev. P Tucker	
	Rev. J Pierce	T. J. Burnham
Raleigh	Rev. J Norris	Tom Karl
Tri-Cities		Dale Walp
	Rev. G Lincoln	
Huntsville	(non-voting)	Randy White
District Officers:	Mary Moore, District Coordinator	
	Rev. Bob Galloway, Assistant District Coordinator	
	Dennis Luft, District Treasurer	
	Nancy Gunn, District Clerk	
	Loyal Charles, District Lay Representative	
	Rev. Lynn Guerra, District Clergy Representative	
District Liaison:	Mary Allen Watson (non-voting)	

MOTION: Approve new agenda
 MOVED: Luft
 SECOND: Charles
 VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Approve Spring District Conference minutes
 MOVED: Hill
 SECOND: Galloway
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article I, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS)
 MOVED: Gunn
 SECOND: Hill
 VOTE: Approved with 1 no vote

MOTION: Accept Article II, SOPS
 MOVED: Gunn
 SECOND: Norris
 VOTE: Approved with 1 no vote

MOTION: Accept Article III, SOPS
 MOVED: Gunn
 SECOND: Hill
 VOTE: Approved with 2 abstentions

MOTION: Accept Article IV, SOPS
 MOVED: Gunn
 SECOND: Guerra

AMENDMENT: Section C 3 should be changed to read: A copy of the Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee student clergy registration must be forwarded to the District Coordinator by student clergy upon approval by the appointing authority.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Approved with 1 no vote
 AMENDMENT: Delete 1, 2, and 3 in section D.
 VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Approved
 VOTE ON MOTION: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V A
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Wylie

AMENDMENT: Delete Article V A
 VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Failed

AMENDMENT: Add number 6 under V A to read: The Church Leadership Committee shall be empowered to make recommendations to the District Conference floor.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Approved
 VOTE ON MOTION: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V B
 MOVED: Galloway
 SECOND: Tucker

AMENDMENT: A sentence should be added at the end of the opening paragraph under B to read: If any action taken by the District Committee is not approved, such rectification as is possible must be undertaken by the District Committee as soon as possible with the further approval of the District Conference.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Approved
 AMENDMENT: Delete V B 1 b (3)

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Approved

AMENDMENT: Change V B 1 c (2) to read: The District Clerk shall be responsible for: (a) the recording and expeditious distribution of the minutes of the District business meetings to all voting members of the previous District Conference, including the District Committee and the Church Leadership Committee meetings (confidentiality applies only to discussions not decisions or actions).

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: Approved
 VOTE ON MOTION: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V C
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Guerra

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Change the name of Liaison Assistant District Coordinator to District Liaison and change the word church to congregation/congregational.

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V D
 MOVED: Galloway
 SECOND: Pierce
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V E
 MOVED: Guerra
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V F
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Hill
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V G
 MOVED: Galloway
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article V H
 MOVED: Guerra
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article VI with changes
 MOVED: Guerra
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Change the word Fellowship to UFMCC
 MOVED: Karl
 SECOND: Hill
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article VII with change
 MOVED: Galloway
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article VII with change in D
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Fleschner
 VOTE: Approved with 1 no

MOTION: Accept Article IX
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article I of Standards and begin paragraph with Under the
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Galloway
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article II A of Standards with changes
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved with 1 no vote

MOTION: Accept Article II B of Standards with changes
 MOVED: Galloway
 SECOND: Fleschner
 VOTE: Approved with 2 no votes

MOTION: Accept Article III of Standards and change title to Special Ministries
 MOVED: Guerra
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Failed

MOTION: Accept Article III of Standards
 MOVED: Edelman-Richard
 SECOND: Hill
 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Change the paragraph to read: Special Ministries indicated
 by extraordinary circumstances may be created and/or directly
 supervised by the District Conference/Committee.
 VOTE: Approved with 3 no votes

MOTION: Accept Article IV of Standards and change title to Parish Extensions
 and Pastor to Parish Extension Leader
 MOVED: Wylie
 SECOND: Fleschner
 AMENDMENT: Table Article IV and refer it back to the District Committee.
 VOTE: Approved with 1 abstention

MOTION: Reconsider Article II B
 MOVED: Hill
 SECOND: Tucker
 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Add f under Article II B and this will read: Any
 exceptions may be made by the District Committee and approved by the
 District Conference.
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept Article VI
 MOVED: Charles
 SECOND: Karl
 AMENDMENT: Consider Article VI and remove section D. Approved
 VOTE: Failed

MOTION: Accept Article VI A,B,C,E and delete #9 and #11
 MOVED: Fleschner
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved with 1 no

MOTION: Table and refer Article VI D until the next District Conference
 MOVED: Hill
 SECOND: Wylie
 VOTE: Approved

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MOTION: Accept Church Leadership Committee/Board of Home Missions Report
MOVED: Hill
SECOND: Wylie
VOTE: Approved with 1 no

MOTION: Accept District Committee Report
MOVED: Tucker
SECOND: Wylie
FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Revise report to reflect August decision by the District Committee regarding St. Jude's MCC in Columbia. The additional sentence added at the end of the second paragraph will read: When the expectations were not met by St. Jude's MCC, the District Committee voted to recommend to the General Council that St. Jude's charter be removed.
VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept District Coordinator Report
MOVED: Luft
SECOND: Wylie
VOTE: Approved with 1 abstention

MOTION: Accept Assistant District Coordinator Report
MOVED: Charles
SECOND: Guerra
FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Prepare an additional report updating the situation in Jackson and include in the report an apology to MCC Jackson
VOTE: Approved with 1 no and 4 abstentions

MOTION: Accept Treasurer's Report
MOVED: Hill
SECOND: Pierce
VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Limit discussion to 4 people on each motion
MOVED: Melton
SECOND: Gingrich
VOTE: Approved with 1 no

MOTION: The District Conference floor will not recognize those persons who are not attending an MCC at the present time.
MOVED: Guerra
SECOND: Melton
VOTE: Approved with 1 no

Call for the Agenda

MOTION: Accept the 1987 Budget
MOVED: Pierce
SECOND: Joy
FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Change Salary-District Coordinator to Discretionary Fund-District Coordinator
VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept FFO Report
MOVED: Hill
SECOND: Wylie
VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Affirm elections of District Clerk and District Treasurer until 1988
MOVED: Norris
SECOND: Oscar
VOTE: Approved by acclamation

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Clergy Representative

Nominee: Rev. Lynn Guerra Elected: Rev. Lynn Guerra
Elected by Clergy House and confirmed by the Lay House

Alternate Clergy Representative

Nominee: Rev. Christine Oscar Elected: Rev. Christine Oscar
Elected by Clergy House and confirmed by the Lay House

Loyal Charles, Lay Representative and Mary Allen Watson, Alternate Lay Representative were confirmed by the Clergy House.

MOTION: Approve MCC of the Blessed Redeemer, Atlanta as site for the Spring, 1987, District Conference on April 23, 24, 25, 26, 1987
 Approved by acclamation

MOTION: Approve the Dubois, Tennessee site for the Fall, 1987 District Conference on November 6, 7, 8, 1987
 Approved by acclamation

MOTION: Set the Spring 1988 conference for April 29, 30, May 1, 1988
 Approved by acclamation

MOTION: Bring Huntsville, Alabama into the GLAD as a Special Ministry
 MOVED: Tucker
 SECOND: Pierce
 VOTE: Approved

MOTION: A task force consisting of 5 persons is to develop a process whereby actions of the District Committee may be reviewed and present this to the next Fall District Conference.

MOVED: Hill
 SECOND: Oscar
 VOTE: Approved

The following persons volunteered to be members of the task force:

Loyal Charles
 Rev. Sam Edelman-Richard
 Tom Karl
 Rev. Bruce Hill
 Dale Walp

A special thanks to Rev. Art Fleschner for all of his work efforts for this Fall District Conference.

MOTION: To adjourn
 MOVED: Pierce
 SECOND: Robbins
 VOTE: Approved

THIS IS YOUR COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SPRING CONFERENCE.
 PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THEM WITH YOU!!!!

DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

31 OCTOBER 86

Committee Members in Attendance: Mary Moore, Bob Galloway, Dennis Luft, Loyal Charles, Lynn Guerra, Nancy Gunn, Mary Allen Watson and Tom Karl

The meeting was opened and closed with prayer.

ACTION

Accept the recommendation from the Board of Home Missions recommending All Saints Charter and send their charter application to the General Council

ACTION

Contact the Rev. Elder Don Eastman, Rev. Elder Nancy Wilson, Rev. Willie White and Rev. June Norris about going to Jackson to meet with the three parties in an attempt for conflict resolution. Have all three parties sign a contract agreeing to this meeting prior to scheduling the meeting.

Hickory

They are no longer affiliated with UFMCC>.

Asheville

The group has dissolved.

MCC of the Blessed Redeemer

They paid their back tithes on 10/31/86.

Huntsville

They have prepared paperwork to become a New Work. It should arrive later. They will become a Parish Extension of MCC Nashville.

SOPS

Some changes were made for recommendation to the conference floor.

Standards

The Board of Home Missions needs to review church status applications by the end of January, 1987. The District Committee will review the applications during the first two weeks of February. The General Council has to have chartered church applications no later than 3/1/87. An exception will be made for St. John's MCC who has their congregational meeting in January, but all paperwork that can be completed before the congregational meeting should be sent to the appropriate persons by 1/1/87.

Assistant District Coordinators

Rev. Galloway is experiencing some physical problems that limit his ability to drive long distances. A request will be made to the Board of Home Missions asking for names of persons who would be interested in serving the district as Liaison Assistant District Coordinators.

MCC Knoxville Commissioned Church Application

The committee reviewed their action and supported the Board of Home Missions recommendation to return the application for MCC Knoxville to complete 2 of the seven fold goals.



Gulf Lower Atlantic District

UFMCC

POB 66101, Birmingham, AL 35210

September 13, 1986

Dear District Friends,

Welcome to the Autumn '86 Conference, "If You Love Me, Tell Me So!" Your packet contains four separate divisions of information: Reports from District Officers, proposed SOP's, proposed Standards, and a preliminary application packet for both chartering and commissioning your local church. This last division is to help us begin the process of gathering information that will be needed very quickly after the upcoming conference.

The only "missing" paperwork is the report of the District Coordinator; it will be coming under separate cover.

Oh yes, you will also find the registration forms, hotel brochures, and tentative agendas for the conference. Please hold on to all of this paperwork (except registration forms!) and bring it with you conference. We have already photocopied an approximate 3000 pages for only 99 of our registrants...obviously, the cost of each packet is large and the only extras that will be brought to conference will be for late registrants.

The Tentative Agenda for the weekend is:

FRIDAY--Church Leadership Committee (BoHM)--9:00-12:00

**District Committee will act on recommendations from CLC.

District Committee Meeting--1:00-4:00

Registration--5-11:00 p.m.

Dancing--8-9:30, "One Strange Fact,"--9:30-11:00

SATURDAY--9:00 a.m.--Worship

10:15-12:30--Business Meeting

12:30-2:00--Lunch

2:00-6:00--Business Meeting

6:00-7:00--Rest/Visit

7:00--Would you like to "order out" pizza?

**Saturday evening, we will try to have supper together, fellowship, sing, and for those who wish, "go out on the town".

SUNDAY--9:00 a.m.--Worship

NOTE: We decided not to try to have workshops for two reasons: Most of our "teachers" are also voters and we need all the collective brain-power we can get.

If you have any questions or are missing any documents, please call me at 939-1581. We trust this will be a most blessed conference!

MCC Charleston is in charge of the music (have an incredible pianist/organist who played with the Fred Waring Orchestra when he was 9 years old), Rev. Christine Oscar will, hopefully (if she can talk), be bringing the Saturday sermon, and the District Committee will be offering a most unusual Sunday morning worship.

Please encourage your people to come to this very important conference. There will be other activity "surprises" they'll want to attend!

God bless....

Mary M. Moore
for the District Committee

P.S. We will be raffling a hand-made quilt (Oak-leaf in earth-tones) at \$2.00 @ ticket (value \$200.00) and T-shirts with the Conference theme are being contracted right now, price not yet available. You have to see this quilt to believe it!

*Ken,
Hope you're
doing well!
Thank copy!
Distribute
registration
forms.
Thanks!*

December 19-January 13, 1986/7

Dear Student Clergy, Congregants, Committee Members, General Council,
Pastors, and Lay Delegates,

It is my prayer that each of you be specially touched by the miracles offered by God through the events of this season: The Very Merriest of Christmases to you!

The latest known news of the local church scene:

MCC Montgomery--The Lutheran pastor, Rev. Nelson, is continuing to fill the pulpit as frequently as possible. The remaining Sundays and the whole of the church program is being administered by a worship team led by Lenny Sikes. Thank you, Larry Silcox, for carrying the weight of leadership for so long; we pray this will be a time of rest for you.

Nancy Moody, Lay Delegate, has asked me for a copy of CMCC's Inquirer's Class (membership) outline. They are trying to maintain a UFMCC consciousness in spite of the fact that the last UFMCC clergy who served there was Rev. Larry Whitsell (who left in 1983). June and I are going January 26th to "kick off" the new Inquirer's series. We're looking forward to being with our good friends there.

Could all pastors/BOD's that have outlines for Inquirer's classes please send a copy to them. They will hopefully be able to make a composite that will suit local needs.

All Saints--Hallelujah! After months of searching, it appears that they've found a viable space for an office! The Board is negotiating and they hope to have a lease sometime in January.

The attendance and membership is continuing to climb; they'll soon have 65 members. Rev. Byron is on a much deserved vacation to his family in Mississippi (DEC). Please pray for him as he travels.

Blessed Redeemer--Rev. Bruce and I have spoken a couple of times lately. He is much encouraged about the goal-setting in the chartering process. The congregation will be having a series of meetings to dialogue and develop their future growth plan.

They continue to serve the homeless and the hungry; let's be in prayer for them (all) as Winter approaches.

MCC Jackson--Rev. Sam reports good growth and steady financial giving. The threats and pressure previously perceived have ceased.

We have received a letter from Sue Dabbs, former Clerk of the Board and Lay Delegate, dated 30 November:

"After much prayer and discussion, the former members and members currently not attending have decided NOT to continue our petition against Rev. Sam Edelman-Richard...I'm very sorry and sad to see this happen. I wish the best for MCC but our plans are in another direction, i.e., a new church."

This, effectively, ceases the call for conflict resolution. Both copies of the contract stating intent to participate and to reconcile have failed to be returned. I contacted Rev. Sam immediately upon the receipt of this letter; she expressed great relief.

Let us all pray for our Christian friends in Jackson--that their hearts

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MCC Charlotte--December has been a record month--2100.85 in tithes from 171 people, \$12.29 per capita!

The application process has served usefully here, too. Rev. Lynn reports a stewardship pledge for 1987 that is twice the 1986 pledge! We pay the fulfillment of this vision for your ministry; we know that God blesses those who give in faith. Thanks for this encouragement to the faith in us all!

Rev. Lynn has resigned from her secular job and is now going full-time in the church. Nancy Brown, student clergy, is enrolled in graduate studies for the ministry. Lou Tomlin continues her training as student clergy, and Don Watkins continues his faithful service as Deacon. You all have our prayerful support as you lead and serve this growing Body of Christ.

St. John's MCC--Rev. June has been doing alot of aids ministry in the Raleigh-Durham area. During December, two young men died (a week apart) with whom she and the church had closely worked (and loved); the memorial services were on Tuesday of the weeks following their deaths.

The chartering process is soon to be finished and the packets received. Evaluation of programs and the stewardship surrounding them have been part of the focus for the future.

You all take care--we're praying for you.

New Life MCC--Rev. Art called during December with a day-brightening message of love. Thank you for that special gift.

He is the choral director for a new Gay Men's choir that debuted Sunday night (all male by happen-stance, women are welcome). The opening was a smash hit!

The New Life Players did a spoof on The Christmas Carol. Linda Davis reports that it was hilarious and that all involved had a great time. In addition to being the actors, they were also the writers.

The church continues to grow well in membership. The loss of a couple faithful tithers to moves, etc., has impacted the budget but it is anticipated that the membership growth will provide the needed funds.

St. Mary's MCC--Another record broken! 78 in attendance on November 16th! It is so nice to watch the movement of the Holy Spirit as our congregations grow and are blessed with the gifts of the new family members.

Rev. Christine's surgery is over--800 stitches later. A bone in her jaw had broken (joint) and been filed--like a knife. The doctors found it (removed it, thank God) during the surgery. They found no disc where it should have been so they lined the joint with Teflon and inserted a new disc.

The latest is that the healing is not going exactly as planned. It will be a month or so before she can take a full-time preaching schedule. Thankfully, there are 2-3 student clergy in residence and a good-sized staff who are now having opportunity to minister in larger ways.

Our prayers are with you as you car for Christine, Sharon, and one another.

MCC Greenville--Randy Lowe and I have spoken/corresponded about their current status (possible moving into the Unitarian's new building, having Dr. Bobby Waymack, Nancy Campbell, and Loyal Charles preach--and hopefully others in the near future) and the plans for their 5th anniversary celebration, the weekend of January 30-Feb. 1.

June and I are going for their celebration and will participate in

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the Saturday night banquet. A special worship service is planned for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday and we're looking forward to worshipping with our Greenville family.

Dr. Chuck Lippy has been working/developing a ministry to gay prisoners in one of the local facilities. He finally received permission to show "God, Gays, and the Gospel" to the interested inmates! Let's pray for our Greenville brothers and sisters, that their sixth year will be a most BLESSED ONE!

MCC Mobile--Shirley and I talked last week and she reports that things are going really well. The holidays were particularly busy but things are getting back to their normal-near frantic state. Marge is enrolled in seminary, working full-time, and serving as pastor. During the holidays she was off from school so they cooked Thanksgiving dinner for 45 plus people and Christmas dinner for 25 plus. They're resting now.

Plans are under way for their 2nd anniversary celebration (March 3 is the date--plans for weekend either before or after). Congratulations and thanks to Marge and Shirley for your continued ministry there. June and I are waiting for confirmed plans and hope to be able to attend the anniversary celebration.

MCC Knoxville--Happy Tenth! The weekend of February 20-22 is their anniversary celebration. Donna and Bob contacted me about being involved in their weekend's festivities. June and I are looking forward to meeting those we don't know and renewing friendships with those who are already dear.

Bob said (last week) that he and Rick had opportunity in late December to rest and that he was feeling renewed. He forwarded the final addition to the churches goals which completed their commissioning packet. Lots of good things going on!

MCC Huntsville--You would NOT believe! Attendance is averaging 24 with \$800.00 plus tithes from this, our newest group! Revs. Janet and Paul are co-pastoring and Randy White is the Worship Coordinator.

Janet and I spoke about the group and she is very pleased with them. She and Paul preach on alternate (1st and 3rd) Sundays and local people fill the pulpit on 2nd and 4th Sundays. June and I are hoping to be able to join them for worship soon so that we can meet and welcome into the Fellowship this exciting new ministry of God's. We are also sending invitations to the group to join in

Covenant MCC's 6th anniversary celebration, February 13-15! Happy Valentine's, y'all!

The District Committee meets that weekend to consider all application packets from our churches and to conduct district business. They will be here to celebrate with us that Saturday and Sunday.

That will also be the first worship service at our newly-chosen time: 11:00 a.m. We are experiencing great growth (went from 29 members in November to 35 members in December and we received our 40th member this past Sunday). We are receiving five more this coming Sunday and starting four into membership classes!

Our congregational meeting this past Sunday produced several important decisions. We passed an \$1800.00 @ month budget, changed our worship time, designed "Thanksgiving in February," committed to a new mission-mindedness which evidences in \$55.00 @ month to World Church Extension (will grow to greater on-hands work in February with our food-drive for St. Andrews food-bank), discontinued our pastoral search for three months with me agreeing

to continue serving through to my fifth anniversary (September 17th), and we calendared our first 6 months of this year. We filled the vacancy of our Vice Moderator/Administrator's position creatively: Two men will serve 3 months each (Jan-Apr, Apr-Jul), giving them time to experience the job and us to experience them. Our election will be held in July to finalize that call. The pastoral seach will be renewed in April with the V.M. at its helm.

Thank you for your continued prayers as we continue to respond to a dual call and as God continues to bless our ministry in Christ.

St. Joan's MCC--Rev. Frank and I talked last week and he reports a wonderful holiday season. Their Christmas choir performed "Night of Miracles" and did a grand job! (He has promised to send a tape as soon as he can have the original reproduced!)

The Holy Spirit has re-energized him and his excitement is contagious. The church continues to do well and there's great hope for 1987.

Len Coleman outdid himself with the decorations for the Christmas festivities. Frank said that he couldn't believe the extend that Len and helpers went to make those days special. Frank cites the contributions of time and energy from the congregants to be one of the sustaining elements to his own ministry. He and Jim continue to work full-time jobs and to work in this ministry.

God bless Y'all--we hope to see you soon.

Phoenix City, AL/Columbus, GA--After approximately a year's dormancy, we have new reports coming from this area. Jim Culbreth (MCC Montgomery) has had some new "bites" and will be having the initial meeting with interested parties this month! Please pray for him as he seeks to help development of MCC in this area.

Tri-Cities MCC--Rev. Galloway recently visited to help them begin the goal-setting section of the commissioning packet. He left feeling that they had a good beginning for the remainder of the process.

A message is waiting on Dale's answering machine and I hope to have Late-Breaking News on the group...

MCC Nashville--In addition to speaking with Rev. Janet, I received a phone call from one of the members, Pam Eure (sp?). She reports that the church received a vision during their November Spiritual Renewal (from Gary ?, California) to become involved in starting a recording ministry (N'ville, the Gospel Capital) for the UFMCC. She reports that four albums are in the planning stages, one that is the live recording of General Conference music. They are working in coordination with San Diego MCC.

Phillip and Rev. Paul and approaching their first anniversary together and Paul says he's very happy. Congratulations, you two!

The church closed 1986 with 99 members and anticipates passing the 100 mark ASAP! Congratulations for being our largest GLAD church! We have many prayers of gratitude for you and your work for Jesus Christ!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS (UFMCC)--Rev. Troy's mother is not doing well. Mrs. (Edith) Perry is having complications between the treatment for cancer and control of diabetes. She may be entering the hospital again this week.

Troy asks for all of our prayers. The doctors have told him that his mother has approximately a year to live unless things alter or deteriorate more rapidly. He and Phillip need our prayers as they love her/care for her now. She is in a goodly deal of pain...your prayers, please.

The Program and Budget division of the General Council has just returned home from Los Angeles. We worked for two days (with program representatives) on balancing the proposed budget for 88-89. We left, having accomplished our task.

Rev. Elder Don Eastman has made the move from Dallas to Los Angeles. His furniture has promised to arrive during 1987. In the meantime, he is installed on his sofa (sole property) in his new apartment.

Please pray for his ministry. The change from a church pastorate to a full-time Fellowship pastorate is mind-boggling. He is the one to make that change and will do so very well but any support possible would be great.

Don't forget that General Conference is July 19-26, Miami. Let's take the largest delegation possible!

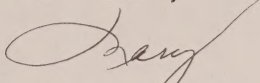
LATE BREAKING NEWS--The installation of the Rev. Sam Edelman-Richard is planned for the weekend of January 30-February 1. Thank you, MCC Jackson for the invitation to participate; June and I are sorry that the invitation arrived after plans with MCC Greenville had been made...we want to be two places at one time.

Family additions--Rev. Paul and Phillip are the proud Papas of a newly arrived three-year-old named "Buncomb". He was a wandering beagle whose life was about to be ended when church members found him. Congratulations!

****Correction:** Pam, of MCC Nashville, doesn't spell her name the way I did; it's Uher. Sorry.

God bless you all! Will write next month.

Love to all,



Mary M. Moore
District Coordinator

Travel Agenda

- Jan. 25 - Huntsville
- Jan. 26 - Montgomery
- Jan 30 - Greenville - 5th Anniv.
- Feb. 1
- * Feb 13 - 15 - Dist. Comm
- mtg. / CMCC 6th Anniv.
- Feb 20-22 - Knoxville - 10th Anniv.
- Early Mar - Mobile? - 2nd Anniv.
- Mar 16-23 - Gen Council, L.A.

Birthday / Anniv.

- Jan 9 - Frank Lail - B
- 14 - Bruce Hill - B
- 16 - Jay Kelderman - B
- 19 - New Life - 4th Ann.
- 22 - John Swartz (Charles) - B.
- 23 - Dennis Luft - A.
- Feb-5 - Paul Tucker - B
- 10 - Frank Lail's 2nd Ann. w/
Charleston
- 24 - (4th Sunday) St. John's
11th Anniversary
- Mar-2 - Jay Kelderman's 11th Anniv.
of joining St. John's
- 3 - MCC Mobile's 2nd Ann.
- 4 - Leroy Lawhorn - B
- 17 - Paul Tucker & Phillip's
13th Anniversary

Harvard's Room
471-7776

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT--UFMCC
CHECKING ACCOUNT
INCOME STATEMENT FOR JANUARY - OCTOBER, 1986

CHURCH TITHES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
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Montgomery *	38.84	39.95	27.20	32.89	25.24	25.87	40.58	26.27	27.25	
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Atlanta (Blessed Redeemer) **	63.77	104.94	102.01		162.92	139.79		233.51		
Jackson	29.28	31.08	32.35	40.37	28.12	32.37	43.57		80.64	33.79
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Charlotte (New Life)	104.26		148.23	197.86	86.64	147.98		211.97	188.40	69.33
Greensboro	84.46	78.41	99.93	114.42	76.53	97.83	115.39	74.59	105.44	77.41
Hickory X								25.09		
Raleigh	295.71	162.06	158.82	210.07	151.65	107.30	164.73	133.88	165.49	135.17
Charleston	62.12	47.18	45.40	54.70	54.65	58.83	56.12	54.90	48.80	51.35
Columbia Y						59.64	48.99	47.53	44.63	17.34
Greenville	8.93	10.14	16.18	25.39	24.45	24.40	29.44	26.75	29.28	18.43
Knoxville	47.78	38.75	42.21	77.92	37.11	57.32	60.05	61.21	56.03	46.87
Memphis	21.17									
Nashville	147.83	69.22	77.26	102.33	114.68	79.69	124.97	63.84	85.41	207.95
Tri-Cities	12.37	17.15	7.28	15.49	14.65	12.90	16.79	19.82	9.41	8.33
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES ***	\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$999.84	\$1,122.25	\$903.66	\$1,429.78	\$1,035.61	\$1,121.91
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MCC Memphis--refund of unused post office box fees					11.15					
MCC Knoxville--replacement of stale-dated checks					29.00					
Residual of MCC Memphis bank account					25.69					
Honorarium received by D.C. donated to district							15.00			
Rebate from travel agency								29.91		
Miscellaneous donations									125.00	
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.84	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$29.91	\$149.18	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$1,065.68	\$1,122.25	\$918.66	\$1,459.69	\$1,184.79	\$1,121.91

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GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMDC
CHECKING ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES PAID FOR JANUARY-OCTOBER, 1986

BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	YEAR TO-DATE	% ANNUAL BUDGET
Salary-District Coordinator	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$4,000.00	100.00%
Travel Exp.-District Off. (Dist. Travel)	150.00	75.00	172.79	11.00	0.00	17.60	313.00	320.00	458.00	379.35	118.00	1,864.74	124.32%
Communications													
Telephone		76.61	69.92	116.07	95.33	21.87	116.54	244.39	0.00	119.34	96.72		
Postage		44.00	5.79	44.00	7.09	36.92	0.00	32.00	17.28	37.79	0.00		
Office Supplies		40.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Photocopying Charges		25.00	25.00	112.06	107.73	88.08	25.00	25.00	25.00	(12.06)	40.65		
Subtotal Communications	125.00	186.37	100.71	272.13	210.15	146.87	177.53	301.39	42.28	145.07	137.37	1,719.87	137.59%
General Council & Dist. Conf. Exp.-D.C.	100.00	248.00	0.00	62.41	133.75	82.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	468.00	0.00	994.94	99.49%
District Reps. (FFDCOL, etc.)	75.00	0.00	0.00	212.00	0.00	0.00	346.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.00	76.40%
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$850.00	\$909.37	\$673.50	\$957.54	\$743.90	\$647.25	\$1,236.53	\$1,036.39	\$900.28	\$1,392.42	\$655.37	\$9,152.55	107.68%
TOTAL INCOME		\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$1,065.68	\$1,122.25	\$918.66	\$1,459.69	\$1,184.79	\$1,121.91		
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES		(909.37)	(673.50)	(957.54)	(743.90)	(647.25)	(1,236.53)	(1,036.39)	(900.28)	(1,392.42)	(655.37)		
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER BUDGETED EXPENSES		\$301.90	\$155.18	\$30.17	\$417.07	\$418.43	(\$114.28)	(\$117.73)	\$559.41	(\$207.63)	\$466.54		
DISPOSITION OF EXCESS:													
Transfer to money market		450.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	238.36	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		
Quarterly FICA tax due from employer for D.C.					85.80			85.80				85.80	
Non-budget expenses-see notes(s)												50.00	
To increase (decrease) checking account balance		(148.10)	5.18	(119.83)	181.27	268.43	(352.64)	(353.53)	409.41	(367.63)	180.74		
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,114.56	\$966.46	\$971.64	\$851.81	\$1,033.08	\$1,301.51	\$948.87	\$595.34	\$1,004.75	\$637.12	\$817.86		
INCREASE (DECREASE) FOR MONTH	(148.10)	5.18	(119.83)	181.27	268.43	(352.64)	(353.53)	409.41	(367.63)	180.74			
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$966.46	\$971.64	\$851.81	\$1,033.08	\$1,301.51	\$948.87	\$595.34	\$1,004.75	\$637.12	\$817.86			

NOTES:

1. October non-budget expense for set of microphones.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JANUARY - OCTOBER, 1986

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$5,261.29	\$5,291.44	\$5,315.80	\$5,340.20	\$5,364.32	\$4,590.14	\$4,388.00	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43
INCOME:										
Transferred from checking account	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$238.36	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Money market interest	30.15	24.36	24.40	24.12	23.68	0.00	45.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$480.15	\$174.36	\$174.40	\$174.12	\$173.68	\$238.36	\$195.43	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
EXPENSES:										
Salary Supp./Travel Allowance-D.C.	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Aid to Memphis church	300.00									
Utility bill owed by Memphis church					184.31					
Rent owed by Memphis church					208.55					
Travel expenses of district officers to Columbia					405.00	290.50				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$947.86	\$440.50	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$5,291.44	\$5,315.80	\$5,340.20	\$5,364.32	\$4,590.14	\$4,388.00	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JANUARY - OCTOBER, 1986

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$32.18)	(\$319.81)	(\$319.81)	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$559.21
INCOME:										
Offering from Saturday a.m. service						\$374.25				
Profit from registration fees & t-shirt sales						520.77				
Registrations										170.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$995.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
EXPENSES:										
Registration fee for Rev. Elder Perry			\$15.00							
Music purchased for performance at conference			17.18							
Per diem for Rev. Elder Perry & Rev. Ziegler				\$120.00						
Lodging for Rev. Elder Perry & Rev. Ziegler				167.63						
Registration & travel-D.C.								\$116.00		
Conference registration packets postage										14.45
Per diem-D.C.										60.00
Front money for T-shirts										230.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32.18	\$287.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$304.45
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$32.18)	(\$319.81)	(\$319.81)	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$559.21	\$424.76

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DISPOSITION OF EXCESS:													
Transfer to money market		450.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	238.36	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		
Quarterly FICA tax due from employer for D.C.					85.80			85.80			85.80		
Non-budget expenses-see notes(s)											50.00		
To increase (decrease) checking account balance		(148.10)	5.18	(119.83)	181.27	266.43	(352.64)	(353.53)	409.41	(367.63)	180.74		
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$1,114.56	\$966.46	\$971.64	\$851.81	\$1,033.08	\$1,301.51	\$948.87	\$595.34	\$1,004.75	\$637.12			
INCREASE (DECREASE) FOR MONTH	(148.10)	5.18	(119.83)	181.27	266.43	(352.64)	(353.53)	409.41					
CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$966.46	\$971.64	\$851.81	\$1,033.08	\$1,301.51	\$948.87	\$595.34	\$1,004.75	\$637.12	\$817.86			

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GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JANUARY - OCTOBER, 1986

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$5,261.29	\$5,291.44	\$5,315.80	\$5,340.20	\$5,364.32	\$4,590.14	\$4,388.00	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43
INCOME:										
Transferred from checking account	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$238.36	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Money market interest	30.15	24.36	24.40	24.12	23.68	0.00	45.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$480.15	\$174.36	\$174.40	\$174.12	\$173.68	\$238.36	\$195.43	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
EXPENSES:										
Salary Supp./Travel Allowance-D.C.	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Aid to Memphis church	300.00									
Utility bill owed by Memphis church					184.31					
Rent owed by Memphis church					208.55					
Travel expenses of district officers to Columbia					405.00	290.50				
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$450.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$947.86	\$440.50	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$5,291.44	\$5,315.80	\$5,340.20	\$5,364.32	\$4,590.14	\$4,388.00	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43	\$4,433.43

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENSES
JANUARY - OCTOBER, 1986

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-BEGINNING OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$32.18)	(\$319.81)	(\$319.81)	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$559.21
INCOME:										
Offering from Saturday a.m. service						\$374.25				
Profit from registration fees & t-shirt sales						620.77				
Registrations										170.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$995.02	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$170.00
EXPENSES:										
Registration fee for Rev. Elder Perry			\$15.00							
Music purchased for performance at conference			17.18							
Per diem for Rev. Elder Perry & Rev. Ziegler				\$120.00						
Lodging for Rev. Elder Perry & Rev. Ziegler				167.63						
Registration & travel-D.C.								\$116.00		
Conference registration packets postage										14.45
Per diem-D.C.										60.00
Front money for T-shirts										230.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32.18	\$287.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$304.45
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ACCOUNT BALANCE-END OF MONTH	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$32.18)	(\$319.81)	(\$319.81)	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$675.21	\$559.21	\$424.76

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT--UFMCC
CHECKING ACCOUNT
INCOME STATEMENT FOR JANUARY - OCTOBER, 1986

CHURCH TITHES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
Birmingham (Covenant)	\$72.56	\$54.73	\$65.83	\$66.90	\$46.42	\$57.43	\$83.32	\$69.39	\$66.96	\$73.10
Mobile	33.70	23.27	20.13	26.35	25.46	40.26	35.98	26.56	40.79	29.00
Montgomery *	38.84	39.95	27.20	32.89	25.24	25.87	40.58	26.27	27.25	
Atlanta (All Saints)	100.11	68.48	79.18	119.98	87.37	122.21		263.65		282.02
Atlanta (Blessed Redeemer) **	63.77	104.94	102.01		162.92	139.79		233.51		
Jackson	29.28	31.08	32.35	40.37	28.12	32.37	43.57		80.64	33.79
Charlotte (MCC Charlotte)	88.38	83.32	65.70	76.30	63.95	58.43	83.73	90.82	87.08	71.82
Charlotte (New Life)	104.26		148.23	197.86	86.64	147.98		211.97	188.40	69.33
Greensboro	84.46	78.41	99.93	114.42	76.53	97.83	115.39	74.59	105.44	77.41
Hickory X								25.09		
Raleigh	295.71	162.06	158.82	210.07	151.65	107.30	164.73	133.88	165.49	135.17
Charleston	62.12	47.18	45.40	54.70	54.65	58.83	56.12	54.90	48.80	51.35
Columbia Y						59.64	48.99	47.53	44.63	17.34
Greenville	8.93	10.14	16.18	25.39	24.45	24.40	29.44	26.75	29.28	18.43
Knoxville	47.78	38.75	42.21	77.92	37.11	57.32	60.05	61.21	56.03	46.87
Memphis	21.17									
Nashville	147.83	69.22	77.26	102.33	114.68	79.69	124.97	63.84	85.41	207.95
Tri-Cities	12.37	17.15	7.28	15.49	14.65	12.90	16.79	19.82	9.41	8.33
SUBTOTAL CHURCH TITHES ***	\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$999.84	\$1,122.25	\$903.66	\$1,429.78	\$1,035.61	\$1,121.91
NON-TITHE INCOME										
MCC Memphis--refund of unused post office box fees					11.15					
MCC Knoxville--replacement of stale-dated checks					29.00					
Residual of MCC Memphis bank account					25.69					
Honorarium received by D.C. donated to district							15.00			
Rebate from travel agency								29.91	24.18	
Miscellaneous donations									125.00	
SUBTOTAL NON-TITHE INCOME	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.84	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$29.91	\$149.18	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,211.27	\$828.68	\$987.71	\$1,160.97	\$1,065.68	\$1,122.25	\$918.66	\$1,459.69	\$1,184.79	\$1,121.91

X Tithes for period November, 1985 through June 15, 1986.

Y No tithes paid for November 1985-April 1986. Amount owed \$421.84.

* Tithes running one month in arrears.

** Tithes running three months in arrears.

*** Tithes paid through prior month unless otherwise indicated.

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT-UFMCC
CHECKING ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF EXPENSES PAID FOR JANUARY-OCTOBER, 1986

BUDGET ITEMS	BUDGET AMOUNT	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	YEAR TO-DATE	% ANNUAL BUDGET
Salary-District Coordinator	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$4,000.00	100.00%
Travel Exp.-District Off. (Dist. Travel)	150.00	75.00	172.79	11.00	0.00	17.60	313.00	320.00	458.00	379.35	118.00	1,864.74	124.32%
Communications													
Telephone		76.61	69.92	116.07	95.33	21.87	116.54	244.39	0.00	119.34	96.72		
Postage		44.00	5.79	44.00	7.09	36.92	0.00	32.00	17.28	37.79	0.00		
Office Supplies		40.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Photocopying Charges		25.00	25.00	112.06	107.73	88.08	25.00	25.00	25.00	(12.06)	40.65		
Subtotal Communications	125.00	186.37	100.71	272.13	210.15	146.87	177.53	301.39	42.28	145.07	137.37	1,719.87	137.59%
General Council & Dist. Conf. Exp.-D.C.	100.00	248.00	0.00	62.41	133.75	82.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	468.00	0.00	994.94	99.49%
District Reps. (FFD.C.O.L., etc.)	75.00	0.00	0.00	212.00	0.00	0.00	346.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	573.00	76.40%
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$850.00	\$909.37	\$673.50	\$957.54	\$743.90	\$647.25	\$1,236.53	\$1,036.39	\$900.28	\$1,392.42	\$655.37	\$9,152.55	107.68%
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Gulf Lower Atlantic District

UFMCC POB 66101, Birmingham, AL 35210

CHURCH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE/BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Dear Ya'll,

You have all received your conference packets by now and have had time for review. We hope, as a Committee, that you have received helpful documentation and that it has been timely.

Some of the anticipated "bugs" are these: We have started late as a district to "come aboard" on the SOPs/Standards issues and we are pressed by the General Conference implementation schedule. The March '87 General Council meeting will be the final one at which charter applications can be received in time for the General Conference, July.

If the new structure/purpose of the CLC passes, we are the body who will do initial review of all status applications, our recommendations to be reviewed by the District Committee. We must then forward those accepted applications to the Legal/Corporate Division of the General Council who will recommend to the General Council! At the same time that the Division is considering the charters, they will also be considering our District SOPs/Standards. Other than that, there aren't many "kinks" left...

One of the suggestions is that we function in sub-committees (3 per team) for application review, thereby piecing out our work. The recommendations would then go from sub-comms to District Committee. We could, perhaps, meet in 3-4 places (one to a sub-comm) so that travel could be trimmed.

Although we, as a committee, feel a crunch, the ones who will really be tasked are the churches. We need to come to conference with a feasible time-line in mind (Sub-comms last week in Jan, Dist. Comm. third week in Feb. for Example) to in-build correction time for the churches and to have the packets in General Council hands on time.

This is a tough one, but as Rev. Elder Freda Smith says, "Because this is impossible, I know that we can do it in the strength/guidance of God." Let's come into this meeting on Friday morning with prayer-peace-filled hearts so that we can offer our best service to God and to our District/Fellowship.

It is my prayer that all of you are doing very well, are very blessed, and that your churches are the same. The following is the proposed agenda for the Friday a.m., 9-12:00 meeting:

9-9:30--One Struggle/One Victory sharing
9:30-10:00--Late Breaking Church News
10-11:00--Standards Walk-Through
11-11:30--All Saints Charter Application
11:30-12:00--Open Floor

If some of you have recalled anything else that we need to do, please call me immediately. I would suggest that if we need more time for this meeting that we meet at 8:00 a.m. for Breakfast/Beginning of Agenda and place other items last in the order received.

Rev. Fleschner is mailing out the registration forms and is taking care of the logistical details. We have the late-received offer from St. Jude's for some housing so we may be able to bring more of our people who can't afford hotel expense. I suppose that St. Jude's is the contact point for that????

Please pray for the General Council as it meets this coming week-- it is a packed agenda...

Take care--

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CHURCH STATUS STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT

OF THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

I. OBJECTIVE

As an addendum to the church status standards established by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Church By-Laws (herinafter called "the Fellowship"), the Gulf Lower Atlantic District (herinafter called "the District") sets the following standards and procedures for the commissioning of churches, the chartering of churches, and the admission of new works.

II. VOTING CHURCH BODIES

A. Chartered Churches

Chartered churches must meet the requirements set forth in the Fellowship By-Laws (Article VI B 2) and additional requirements set by the District.

1. These churches must have a stable membership which demonstrates:
 - a. a pledged commitment to uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of the Fellowship,
 - b. a willingness and ability to support a full-time Pastor,
 - c. a willingness to provide to the limit of its ability for the expenses of its Pastor and lay delegate(s) to District and General Conferences,
 - d. plans (list of stated goals) for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, pastoral care, and mission.
2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:
 - a. At least 10% of its offerings to the Fellowship and at least 5% of its offerings to the District,
 - b. In a pastoral contract:
 - (1) a package of at least the equivalent of \$231 per week (52 weeks), which shall be deemed full-time compensation;
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy conference per year; and
 - (3) health insurance.
 - (4) The church office is to be provided outside the pastor's home.
 - (5) The Pastor's contract is to be presented to the congregation, accepted by both parties, and submitted in the packet for charter church status.
 - (6) The Pastor's contract is to include two days a week off each week, four consecutive weeks off for vacation and consideration of some weekends off on a regular basis. Sick leave is to be determined by both parties.

- (7) Goals for the care of the pastor are to be included in the contract.
 - c. Church facility expenses (office and phone included),
 - d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, pastoral care, and mission).
 - e. Full and reasonable expenses to conferences for the Pastor and delegate(s).
3. The Pastor of a Chartered Church must be a Fellowship credentialed clergy or be in serious pursuit (registered with the CCCC, taking courses and exams, and complying with the credentialing process of the Fellowship). Exceptions will be determined by the District Committee. (District Standard Operating Procedures, Article IV B 3)

B. Commissioned Churches

Commissioned churches must meet the requirements set forth in the Fellowship By-Laws (Article 6 B 1) and additional requirements set by the District.

- 1. These churches must show a pledged commitment to:
 - a. uphold the Statement of Faith and the By-Laws of the Fellowship,
 - b. actively support the work of the church over the next year,
 - c. provide adequate financial support to carry out the work of the church over the next year,
 - d. insure that those people signing the petition have a record of attendance at organizational meetings.
- 2. These churches must also be able to pay or provide the following:
 - a. At least 10% of offerings to the Fellowship and at least 5% of offerings to the District,
 - b. In a pastoral contract:
 - (1) a package of at least \$5.77 per hour (Note: credentialed Fellowship clergy must be contracted for at least 12 hours per week to maintain their credentials),
 - (2) expenses for at least one clergy (or training) conference per year,
 - (3) health insurance,
 - (4) phone expenses (base costs and church long distance) and additional expenses for space when the office is in the pastor's home. (Note: Offices in homes are not encouraged for three reasons: Security of the pastor's home, security of church records, and the increased potential for career burn-out),
 - (5) other feasible expense items (car allowance, etc.).
 - c. Church facility expenses.
 - d. Expenses to support the mission of the church as stated in the

seven-fold goals of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, pastoral care, and mission).

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III. SPECIAL WORKS

Those bodies created by extraordinary circumstances and directly supervised by the District Conference/Committee.

IV. NEW WORKS

- A. New Works shall be established by the District Committee when:

1. There is some interest in forming a congregation in the community where the congregation is to be based.
2. There is an established Metropolitan Community Church that will serve as a Parish, providing guidance and fellowship to the new group to become a congregation, and a Fellowship church.
3. There is some indigenous leadership ready to deal with such issues as worship space, time, commitment, and financial affairs.

- B. When a New Work has been authorized by the District Committee, the District Coordinator shall appoint a person as Pastor with approval of appointment by the District Committee.

1. The Pastor shall be responsible for reporting monthly to the District Coordinator and at regular meetings of the District Committee.
2. The Pastor shall be responsible for seeing that at least 10% of all offerings shall be remitted to the Fellowship as an undesignated offering, and that at least 5% of all offerings shall be remitted to the District as an undesignated offering, seeing that accurate financial and attendance statistics are maintained and reported to the District Committee and the District Coordinator.
3. The Pastor:

- a. must receive one-half the weekly offering up to \$70 per week,
- b. shall conduct a minimum of one weekly church service on Sunday,
- c. shall be provided reasonable telephone and operating expenses.

4. Any person seeking to serve in the office of Student Clergy or Deacon must apply in the Parish church for appropriate supervision by the Board of Directors. If the Parish church does not have Fellowship credentialed clergy in pastoral leadership, the applicant may apply to the District for supervision. A suitable advisor will be found for admissable candidates.

V. PRE-EXISTING WORKS

Pre-existing works applying for New Work or Commissioned Church status shall meet the requirements as specified in the District Church Status Standards.

VI. PROCEDURES

- A. These standards and procedures shall take effect upon adoption and shall be incorporated at the local church level immediately. Each existing New Work and Voting Church Body must make application for the appropriate church status by January 1st, 1987.
- B. Application for church status is to include verification of the fulfillment of the requirements as specified in these standards, respective to appropriate church status. Items to include in the application are:
 1. The history of the local church body.
 2. A petition of support of Statement of Faith and By-laws of the Fellowship and stated goals for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, pastoral care, and mission by active members of congregation.
 3. The current Pastoral contract.
 4. A complete financial statement, including assets, pledged tithes and offerings, and liabilities.
 5. The current fiscal budget.
 6. A membership growth chart.
 7. A chart of the average weekly attendance per month from previous year.
 8. A chart of the average weekly offerings per month from previous year.
 9. A copy of all contracts which the church holds.
 10. A goals statement for each area of the seven-fold goals of the mission of the church (worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, stewardship, pastoral care, and mission).
 11. Other pertinent information as requested by the District Coordinator or District Committee.
 12. Names, addresses, telephone numbers of the church staff, student clergy, board members and deacons.
 13. A copy of the local by-laws or standard operating procedures.
- C. A copy of each application is to be submitted to the District Coordinator and each member of the District Committee and each member of the Church Leadership Committee.
- D. Church Status Review
 1. The church status of each chartered church will be reviewed by the District Committee every two years. The petition for review submitted by each chartered church should give evidence of continued fulfillment of specified requirements and further growth and progress in each area of the seven-fold goals of the mission of the church.
 2. The church status of each commissioned church will be reviewed by the District Committee on an annual basis. The petition for review submitted by each commissioned church should give evidence of continued growth and progress toward charter status.

3. The church status of each New Work will be reviewed by the District Committee on an annual basis. The petition for review submitted by each New Work should give evidence of continued growth and progress toward commission status.
4. In the initial church status application, each church body may designate the District Conference (Spring or Fall) during which it wishes to have its status reviewed (on an annual or biennial basis). If a church does not designate a preference for future review dates, the District Committee will assign such.
5. In the event of a previously Chartered Church applying for Charter under the new 1985 By-Laws, the District Committee, if approving the Charter under these standards and procedures, may recommend that the congregation hold their charter from the original date of charter.

*"I'm so GLAD
I'm a part of the
Family of God!"*

"Smiling Christ" by
Lawrence Zink. ©
Lawrence Zink, St.
Anthony Messenger
Magazine.



The first thing I noticed when I stepped out of the car was the cold. It was a sharp contrast to the warm blanket of the car. I looked around, trying to get my bearings. The street was empty, the only sound being the distant hum of traffic. I felt a sense of isolation, a feeling that I was alone in a vast, unfamiliar world. The air was crisp, almost biting, and it seemed to penetrate every fiber of my clothing. I shivered slightly, my body reacting to the sudden change in temperature. The silence was deafening, a heavy weight pressing down on my ears. I took a deep breath, the cold air filling my lungs. It felt like a new beginning, a fresh start in a new place. The streetlights were on, casting a soft glow on the pavement. I walked forward, my steps echoing in the quiet. The world around me was a blur of colors and shapes, but I knew I was moving, I was progressing. The cold was a challenge, but it was also a test. I would overcome it, I would thrive. The first step was the hardest, but it was also the most important. I was here, I was now. The future was uncertain, but the present was mine. I walked on, my heart beating in my chest, my mind racing with thoughts of what was to come. The cold was just a temporary obstacle, a small hurdle on a much larger journey. I was determined to see it through, to reach the end of the road. The first step was taken, the journey had begun.

I had heard that the weather was bad, but I didn't realize how bad it would be. The rain was coming down in sheets, blurring the world around me. I was stuck in traffic, the cars moving slowly, almost at a standstill. The driver next to me was impatient, honking the horn. I looked out the window, trying to see through the rain. The city lights were reflecting off the wet pavement, creating a shimmering effect. I felt a sense of frustration, a feeling that I was trapped. The rain was a constant reminder of the challenges I was facing. It was a metaphor for the difficulties of life, a constant reminder that things would not always go as planned. I took a deep breath, trying to stay calm. The rain was just a temporary inconvenience, a small setback on a much larger journey. I was determined to see it through, to reach the end of the road. The first step was taken, the journey had begun.

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Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

TO: GLAD, General Council

I hope air-flight never becomes something I just do automatically. If there were a way to do it, I would love to share with you the views of our country I've seen. Since there are "reality-restrictions" on to the news of the last week.

GENERAL COUNCIL III (can you believe it!) will long be remembered for its taxing topics and long, draining hours. Out of those hours (and the review/research time of the previous two Councils) came these decisions and rulings that will affect our District life:

SOP'S--Because the By-Laws state that the District Committee is elected by the District Conference, all members (Lay & Clergy Reps. included) must be confirmed by the whole Conference.

#2--If a district chooses to have a Finance Division for purposes of budget development, they are a recommending body to the District Committee.

#3--"New" and "Special Works" are assessed the same tithes percentages as "Commissioned" and "Chartered" Churches.

UFMCC PROGRAMS--Christian Social Action, chaired for eleven years by Mid-Atlantic's Adam DeBaugh, will be discontinued at the recommendation of both Adam and the Program and Budget Division. The rationale is simple and wonderful: What once was promoted and done by a program has successfully been received and is now being done by local churches and districts. There is, currently, no need for this office to exist. (This is NOT to say that it could not have resurrection life should need arise.)

****Our gratitude and congratulations to you, Adam, for a job done exceptionally well!**

Spiritual Life and Clergy Care--is also discontinued on all levels because of several major problems. First, there are no Fellowship funds to finance this program. Second, there are areas of great difficulty surrounding program accountability to the Fellowship. Thirdly, the lines of appointing authority for assistant chaplains have been problematic. Fourthly, the avenues for chaplain-advocacy in district matters have never been cleared.

AIDS Ministry Program--This is the program for which I served as chair in its development stage. We wrote a job description, application process, and scheduled/organized the program events to occur at Fellowship-level for the following 12 months. Of the 6 events that were to occur between May and October, 3 never materialized, 1 was critically late, and the 2 that did reach completion were from non-program (AIDS Vigil/Prom Night) units--were independent efforts. Funding failed to come in significantly and there are no other fund-raisers planned for the remainder of said time.

****It is also noted that the Fellowship is responding in large ways to the various circumstances surrounding AIDS; every Fellowship church has responded locally, districts are providing resource-channels, and the program as planned does not impact on these gifts at all. For the above reasons, this program was discontinued.**

DISTRICTS--Australia--Charges were brought against the Rev. Jim Dykes, District Coordinator, by sufficient numbers of the Clergy/ Congregants as defined in the By-Laws. The General Council heard testimony from both parties and acted (after much prayer and deliberation) to suspend Rev. Dykes until Australia's next district conference. The General Council's action does not declare guilt or innocence; it states "sufficient evidence" to refer to the District Conference. The Assistant District Coordinator will function as D.C. for the 13 weeks remaining before conference.

[NOTE: The entirety of this procedure was emotionally costly for all involved. A great deal of grief would surround a decision in either direction. It was a sobering reminder that we all need to listen/hear one another and to respect each other enough to be kind.]

Gulf Lower Atlantic--Re: St. Jude's, Columbia--As you recall, our last District Conference voted "to remove the charter of St. Jude's." We erroneously believed we had the authority to do so.

The District Committee went to Columbia to fulfill the perceived two-fold purpose as defined at that Conference:

To dialogue about the impact of that charter removal and to implement, by appointment, a new, smaller Board of Directors that would be responsible to the District Committee/Conference, and

To affect whatever reconciliation was possible.

Upon arrival we discovered 3 new facts:

Rev. Gilbert Lincoln had been hired as pastor, and,

That the By-Laws relegated charter-removal to its granting body, the General Council (formerly, the Board of Elders).

That no further discussion would occur between St. Jude's and the District Committee unless we were willing to negotiate the charter-removal decision.

****It is at this point that difficult decisions had to be made. The District Committee decided not to be argumentative and to attempt to negotiate the perceived will of the conference (to bring St. Jude's into active participation and compliance with the UFMCC.)**

Their stated interest: That the District Committee return to the next District Conference recommending revocation of Charter-removal.

District Committee's interest: That this hinge on a 3-point act of compliance on the part of St. Jude's:

Firstly, that they begin immediate payment of current District/ Fellowship tithes,

Secondly, that they remit the Fellowship's copies of monthly reports to the District for forwarding, and

Thirdly, that they develop a repayment schedule for the back-tithes owed the Fellowship (to the District Committee) for approval or further negotiation. (During the May meeting, I told the Columbia church/Dist. Comm. that I had estimated the tithes owed to be in the \$3800-4000.00 range; the Treasurer, Austin Cloyd, corrected me saying it was in excess of \$7000.00.)

NOTE: We negotiated (District Comm. wanted July 1, St. Jude's wanted July 15) a receival date for all documents of July 15.

****They did begin tithing (both) on current offerings.**

*****We had received no communication (documents or explanation for their absence) by July 15th.**

[At this point, I confess internal conflict on my part; it became a question of whether or not to "parent" this process--call them, chase them, demand...--or to assume/allow adult responsibility on their part. I chose the later.]

On August 5th, I received a call stating that St. Jude's now had a phone again. I relented and called Rev. Lincoln. I reviewed with him that we were awaiting their participation and that the receival date was now 19 days overdue. Rev. Lincoln explained that his move to Columbia had been delayed and that this fact caused the problem. He also offered to get with the Board at the next scheduled meeting for the writing of the repayment plan and that he would personally secure from Treasurer Cloyd the need monthly reports.

I received a letter from Rev. Lincoln the following week. The monthly reports were NOT included based on two facts: That the District records were complete and that no extra copies existed. The following week we received the (month late) promised repayment plan. It was not perceived as a serious submittal by the District Committee.

On August 5th I called all the members of the District Committee regarding the details of my conversation with the Rev. Lincoln. We discussed whether or not we considered them in violation of their agreement with us. Four voted to forward the charter-removal to the General Council, 1 voted against.

Our District Committee was held August 15-17 and part of our intended agenda was action on receipt of St. Jude's documents...we affirmed again the vote with the same tally.

Problem # ____ . The threat of Fellowship withdrawal raised the by-law-stated "acquisition of property" question. After discussion of this, the District Committee sent an additional recommendation to the General Council:

That the Council discuss the irregularities surrounding the "purchase" of St. Jude's property and that it then decide whether to prioritize the funding for the ensuing legal matters. [The silence of the last couple months stemmed from this question.]

The General Council has acted on our recommendations:

The Charter of St. Jude's is revoked, and,

St. Jude's will continue to worship in their building without UFMCC intervention.

One last trouble spot: We asked St. Jude's (May) if they would like to participate in helping with the Conference details. Some of them were immediately willing but some were hesitant. They were left with the decision and the responsibility to inform us of any contribution they might wish to make. Not until receipt of Rev. Lincoln's

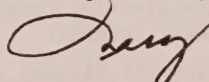
analysis/recommendations regarding Standards/SOP's did we have any specified ("some housing") offering (received 9 days ago). Rev. Fleschner was not told of this offering during his visit for conference site/arrangements and I certainly was not. Whoever has started the rumor that "the District" refused the offer of help from St. Jude's (what offer is that?) is mis-informed and needs to stop making such irresponsible statments. "The District" would be self-defeating its desire to enable as many to attend this Conference as possible; you may assume that no one wished or did undermine any offer of assistance to the Conferees. The logistical details alone are complex enough for us; why would we willingly victimize ourselves? Momentary End of Tirade on Rumors!

In summary, it is perceived that many wonderful people attend St. Jude's; it sadly appears that they will also have to pay the price (along with the District), the emotional cost, of all this underlying strife. We are, potentially, in a "no-win" situation. It is the prayer of many that St. Jude's will continue its Fellowship affiliation and that it will invest the well-spent energy on being a part of the total UFMCC.

Although you have heard of the weariness surrounding this last Council meeting (and can see "why" it was difficult), you still have my thanks for allowing me to serve you in this capacity. I wish that you all could see the love and care that is in the hearts of those on the Council. It is a wondrous (miraculous) thing that we can all share of our God-given gifts, our opinions, our anxieties, our awe, our frustration, and that it all forms together to bring about the will of God to which we all submit ourselves. It is good, is worth the investment--time, money, prayer, and effort--is producing "good fruit" for us to be represented on this Council. They are a blessed body of people--wish they would all fit in my pockets so I could share them with you....

God bless. You will probably receive this on arrival. If you are headed for "sleepville," good night and pleasant rest. If this is starting your business day, may you find a prayer for peace in your heart.

With gratitude,



Mary M. Moore
District Coordinator



Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

Dear Congregants, BODs, District Committee, Lay Delegates, Pastors,
General Council, and Friends at large,

*"But they who wait on God shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall
run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.
Isaiah 41:38-40*

It's a good thing that this promise is duly noted and claimed; I'm waiting for the Eagle Pick-Up Service and a re-filling of Spirit Energy! Your prayers would be appreciated.

We're two months of newsletter in arrears--the Police frown on people who write and drive at the same time. My apologies; there just hasn't been time.

LOCAL CHURCHES--(visited in July)

NEW LIFE--They're increasing in attendance and members weekly. Art has launched a new program called "Brother Andrew"--We'd love to share it in the District if you don't mind (hint, hint).

Art has also gone to Columbia, S.C., for our housing/conference arrangements. All voting delegates should have received registration packets already. He's currently working on piano/p.a. system details. (Everyone else will receive packets upon registration.)

Thanks, Art, for all the work. Thanks, Linda & Ginny for housing/feeding us.

CHARLOTTE--Don Watkins has the wonderful gift of hospitality. Thanks for the lunch, the directions, the shoe-shopping, and the Staff reception.

Nancy & Debbie, thanks for putting us up. District, Debbie's mother is very ill. They all need our prayers.

Rev. Elder Jeri Ann Harvey preached a wonderful, Spirit-filled renewal for the church and visitors over Labor Day weekend. She needs our prayers of support. Both her father & cousin died recently and Jane has been ill alot of this year.

Lynn accepted the appointment to finish the Clergy Rep. position (election to be held during Conference). We thank her for the work she will be doing.

ST. MARY'S, G'boro--We visited for a weekend together, sharing a workshop, two wonderful meals, and Sunday worship. They had a record 70 in attendance that night!

Bless Christine's foot! She broke a toe Sunday morning just so I would preach...Seriously, she was moving with pastoral speed on a regular Sunday and tried to punt a piece of furniture across the room. The furniture won.

Thank you, Jack, Nancy, & Mary Allen & the rest of you who provided for our personal needs. That type of support impacts in three ways: The District budget, our personal budget, and on our spirits.

ST. JOHN'S, R'LGH--We missed Rev. June (out in CA. doing CCCC business) but Wayne and Harry greeted us and made us at home. Thank you three--June for the restful housing, Wayne & Harry for the greeting and conversation.

June and I appreciated our visit with BOD. Thank you all for sharing with us and for the supper. Thanks, Nancy, for the real coffee & cake!

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Wednesday evening worship was a joy and we continue to worship with St. John's through their tape ministry (weekly!) Thank you, Dori, for your faithfulness in packaging and sending those welcome opportunities for us to sit together and worship.

HICKORY--We had no meeting with those who remain. During a meeting in July with ADC Mary Allen, the "Hickorites" decided to regroup in a new direction. They are now having Wed. night rap groups instead of worship.

JOE FOSTER--St. Mary's student clergy did a wonderful job of providing pastoral support and the District Committee moved to extend a very heartfelt "thank you" to him. To all of St. Mary's staff/congregation who invested time, energy, money, and effort--our thanks.

Hickory is no longer an official MCC, but is now a Parish Extension of St. Mary's to be developed as Hickory provides the interest/energy.

AUGUST found us in

ASHEVILLE--meeting with a group of 8 people who are being led by former deacon, Mickey Saunders. They are worshipping on Sundays in a congregant's apartment and are attempting to carry the ball for starting a new work there. Any support, prayer, correspondence, or physical would be welcome/helpful:

Mickey Saunders
Box 26, Silverleaf Drive
Hendersonville, N.C. 28729

TRI-CITIES--We met on Saturday evening for a covered dish/fellowshipping time and finally got to meet with the congregation! We do have a great bunch up there.

Sunday worship was really special. Hal and Dale played the piano & we all shared a renewed sense of vision.

Teddy, we hope Sunshine is doing well and that you are, too.

NASHVILLE--We were scheduled in August & have had to reschedule (I had laryngitis) for September 27th (mine and June's 1st Holy Union anniversary).

MOBILE--We were scheduled to be there this last weekend but somehow, a SNAFU occurred. I had talked with Marge about two weeks prior about planning details but she thought we were due in January!

We were disappointed not to get to meet with Mobile friends and by the lost goal of meeting with all of our MCCs during our first year... But, we'll get there.

GREAT NEWS!!!! Huntsville, AL--MCC Nashville was contacted by interested parties there and they went down for an initial meeting this past Monday week...they only had 38 interested parties! Praise God for that kind of turn out!!! Nashville will be sending staff for the next 3 Mondays for development of that interest.

ALBANY, GA--The Albany Christian Fellowship has decided to remain independent for the time being. They have received major support from their host church, Unity, and want to honor that. We will continue our paper/phone contact and keep the door open. Thanks to Loyal Charles, Rev. Bruce Hill, and my June for all making trips there.

MONTGOMERY--You will NOT believe how successful this group is at getting pastoral help from mainline churches. Another Lutheran pastor is periodically filling their pulpit; the remaining weeks are filled by the MCCers there.

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Their pastoral search is going on cooperatively with Birmingham's. We have sent out 5 packets to UFMCC clergy and received 3 responses.

ALL SAINTS--They are growing by leaps and bounds! They are in the midst of several major actions (budget, pastoral contract, SOP's, and charter application) and are going to be meeting for the second recess of their congregational meeting in October (3rd get-together).

We, the District, owe them a great debt for their work of the church status application process. They are serving as our development wing and have submitted two trial packets. The District Committee is truly in their debt; if you had had to wait on us for this development, or if we had gone to committee for it, we would be further in time-trouble for implementation that we already are.

We know that this development, along with the other church business load has seriously tapped the energy resource of the Board and congregation. They have met an average of 3 hours a week for the entire summer to do all this work.

You are to be commended and you truly have our appreciation!

KNOXVILLE--Bob is very busy and we're having trouble catching up with each other. More news as received.

CHARLESTON, ST. JOAN'S--They're regrouping and are finding all sorts of wonderful gifts within their congregation. Frank and Jim had taken a few well-deserved days off and upon their return, several people stepped forward to assume ministry responsibilities. Friday nights and once-a-month-Lay Sundays will ease some of the load there.

They are also preparing for the District Conference; their contribution will be a musical one. Richard, their organist, will be playing for us and they are also bringing hymn songbooks with them. Thanks in advance for taking that "wing" of the conference.

JACKSON--Sam and I have just spoken. She is in bed with the flu and would appreciate prayers. She is also in college taking a full load.

The last few months have contained several internal struggles that have cost alot of energy from all parties. The dust is now settling; financially, things have never been better, but attendance shows the effect of both weariness and the lost congregants who have left.

Let's all pray for all involved--whether they belong or have quit MCC. Sam anticipates continued growth and sees that those who remain are a stable bunch.

BLESSED REDEEMER--One of the greatest sources of joy for me as D.C. is the Wednesday night meal-ministry that feeds the homeless. The B.R. has taken Luke 14:12-14 to heart:

'Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner do not invite your friends, your brothers/sisters or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Carolyn Mobley preached here in B'ham last Sunday and told us of the success of their AIDS Vigil. We were delighted to hear of its outreach and educational format.

COVENANT, B'ham--Our pastoral search continues. We are reviewing the paperwork/tapes of the Revs. Paul Shoopman and Susan Tedder (Sacramento, CA. and Abilene, TX. respectively). Our space search also continues.

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Time Lapse

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Covenant MCC--We approached the Baptist Church of the Covenant (Southern Bap. Convention) for space. The pastor sent request to Property Committee, they forward to Church Council with questions/no recommendation at all. Dennis and I went to talk with the Council (18 member Board), answered their logistical, personal, and spiritual questions and left.

They voted that night UNANIMOUSLY FOR US! They forwarded their recommendation to the congregation.

We went and talked with them (same format) and left. On our way to the cars, one of their members ran to catch us. She introduced herself, said that she really appreciated our courage, and that if the church voted not to receive us, some of them would be joining us! We received that as affirmation--not as divisive to them.

The pastor called later that night to say that in a "straw poll" 60 + % voted for us, the remainder strongly opposed. We have been asked to continue dialoging with them, to help them structure a ministry to PWA/ARC, and to teach their Church Growth seminar next Spring (3 week course) on "The Bible and Homosexuality."

We could not wait for the internalization/educational process to occur; we moved to another commercial facility (that we keep all week long) for \$200.00 @ month rent.

God richly has blessed us during this process and although the move has impacted (because of necessary time-change) our attendance some, we have a new start and great potential for growth.

GREENVILLE--Dr. Lippy wrote recently saying that there was a slight slow-down in growth. They have cleared their rolls and are now numbering 10 in members. You would not believe the fidelity of the 10. Last month's report totaled 41 in attendance--that is as faithful as can be!

They are in their new space and it will provide the same potential for growth once the new address has filtered through the community.

Thanks, Randy, Chuck, Joe, Leroy, Glen and the rest of you for your hard work and your insistence that there be an open church in Greenville. Blessings are on their way!

COLUMBIA--The phone rang last night with the news that St. Jude's has decided to withdraw from the Fellowship. It was reported that they feel justified in this move because the District Committee/I did not respond to receipt of the "proposed repayment plan."

Again, it was received a month late, offered no real plan, and sent back to us for verification of their debt--a fact that only their treasurer can compute--we could compare their total to the monthly reports submitted to the district...but surely those figures would be the same....(see General Council report for more details).

Must hurry--today's flight day (31 Oct) and it's time to pack. Again, sorry this info is so late--please request in your prayers that days be elongated by another 24 hours...

Love In Christ,

Mary M. Moore
District Coordinator

at St Jude's MCC
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Columbia SC 29210
803: 772 - 2553

06 October 1986

ON THE 18th ANNIVERSARY

of the Fellowship, it's a special joy to say how welcome you'll be in Columbia for the District Conference! I hope you're already registered and are looking forward to Conference as we are!

District itself is making necessary arrangements, of course, and everyone will want to be at the Conference location to take part most readily in all that is planned. But if we at St Jude's can do anything to make things easier for you, we're eager to do so. Our ability to provide housing in homes is really limited, but we want to do whatever we can especially for any who could not otherwise take part in Conference.

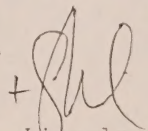
St Jude's MCC will have a hospitality suite, and someone will be there throughout the Conference to make you welcome, to answer questions, and help you make arrangements or find directions.

St Jude's proposal for repayment of delinquent tithes is enclosed for your information. The plan has not yet been approved (as of this date) but we care very much that everyone in District be aware of our firm purpose to do all we can as soon as we can to clear the delinquency while we keep current with tithes to the Fellowship and the District.

Two other papers enclosed are from me, individually, and are my own initial responses to the circulated proposed SOPs for District and the proposed Church Status SOPs. I have been chiefly concerned, in preparing those notes, about compliance with UFMCC By-laws and polity, and with making available my experience with GSS from 1979 through 1983. They're offered with the hope they'll be helpful.

Once again, you'll be most welcome in Columbia! Everyone at St Jude's MCC is eager to do whatever we can to make your Conference visit comfortable and happy!

Cordially,

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Gilbert H. Lincoln,
Pastor, St Jude's MCC



GULF LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Date: 26 April 86

Location: Road Venture Inn, Nashville, Tennessee

Time: 10:00am - 1:00pm

Representatives present:

<u>Church</u>	<u>Clergy</u>	<u>Worship Coordinator</u>	<u>Laity</u>
Atlanta (AS)		Byron Hilbun	Loyal Charles
Atlanta (BR)	Rev. B Hill		
	Rev. J Hose		
Birmingham		Mary Moore	June Gingrich
Charleston		Frank Lail	Jim Wylie
Charlotte (MC)	Rev. L Guerrra		Arlene Robbins
Charlotte (NL)	Rev. A Fleschner		Mark Dixon
Greensboro		Christine Oscar	Mary Allen Watson
Greenville		Randy Lowe	Leroy Lawhorn
Hickory			Miki Mays
Jackson	Rev. S Edelman-Richard		Sue Dal'bs
Knoxville	Rev. B Galloway		Cassie Hohanshelt
Mobile	Rev. M Ragona		Ken Jones
Montgomery			Nancy Moody
Nashville	Rev. P Tucker		Kim Sullivan
	Rev. J Pierce		
Raleigh	Rev. J Norris		Tom Karl
Tri-Cities			Richard Morefield

UFMCC: The Reverend Elder Doctor Troy Perry

MOTION: Move that Christine Oscar be seated in clergy house with no vote

MOVED: Galloway

SECOND: Guerra

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Move to adopt agenda

MOVED: Hose

SECOND: Fleschner

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Approve a recommendation from the Board of Home Missions that read as follows: A recommendation to the District Conference is that the Board of Home Missions will become a body that is responsible for the reviewing of church status, future pastors, student clergy and deacons in conjunction with the District Committee.

MOVED: Galloway

SECOND: Tucker

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Approve Fall District Conference Minutes

MOVED: Fleschner

SECOND: Galloway

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Accept District Committee Minutes

MOVED: Edelman-Richard

SECOND: Norris

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Send non-confidential district committee minutes to the churches

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Approve the District Committee recommendation in regards to the status of Columbia, South Carolina church which read as follows: The District Committee approved to have the UFMCC affiliation and charter removed from St. Jude's MCC in Columbia, South Carolina in accordance to Article 6, Section B, paragraph 2 in the UFMCC By-Laws. St. Jude's MCC has not in accordance with these by-laws demonstrated:

1. a pledged commitment to uphold the Statement of Faith and By-Laws of the UFMCC;
2. a willingness and ability to support a full-time pastor;
3. a willingness to provide to the limit of its ability for the expenses of its Pastor and lay delegate(s) to District and General Conferences, and
4. plans for continuing work and growth in the areas of worship, congregational care, evangelism, education, and stewardship.

MOVED: Hill

SECOND: Tucker

AMENDMENT: Approve the recommendation with the change being drop the removal of the UFMCC affiliation. approved.

VOTE: Approved with 2 abstentions

MOTION: Have Hickory, NC study group become a parish extension of St. Mary's MCC in Greensboro, NC

MOVED: Tucker

SECOND: Norris

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Empower the Rev. Bob Galloway to complete the business of closing the MCC in Memphis, Tennessee

MOVED: Edelman-Richard

SECOND: Guerra

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's Report

MOVED: Hill

SECOND: Norris

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Approve the Commission on Laity Report

MOVED: Watson

SECOND: Ragona

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Accept the District Coordinator Report

MOVED: Tucker

SECOND: Hill

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Accept the following recommendation from the District Committee in regards to the Standard Operating Procedures. The District Committee approved to accept the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) as a first reading. Due to not having time for review, there will be no discussion on these SOP's. The SOP's will be sent to the District Committee for revision and recommendations to the Fall District Conference. We, the District Committee, encourage everyone to make recommendations for revisions to the District Committee in care of P. O. Box 66101, Birmingham, Alabama, 35210 by June 1, 1986. You will receive these SOP's 30 days prior to the Fall District Conference.

MOVED: Jones

SECOND: Hill

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Accept the following recommendation from the District Committee in regards to the Church Status Standards. The District Committee approved to accept the Church Status Standards as a first reading. Due to not having time for review, there will be no discussion on these Church Status Standards. The Church Status Standards will be sent to the District Committee for revision and recommendations to the Fall District Conference. We, the District Committee, encourage everyone to make recommendations for revisions to the District Committee in care of P. O. Box 66101, Birmingham, Alabama 35210 by June 1, 1986. You will receive these Church Status Standards 30 days prior to the Fall District Conference.

MOVED: Hill

SECOND: Jones

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: Appoint Rev. Art Fleschner as acting coordinator for the Fall District Conference to be held in Columbia, South Carolina with the Rev. Lynn Guerra, Randy Lowe and Frank Lail helping with this coordination.

MOVED: Norris

SECOND: Unknown

VOTE: Approved with 2 opposed

Rev. Bruce Hill asked that a Third World Ministry representative be elected. Vivian Gillan from MCC Mobile volunteered to become this representative. This was approved unanimously.

Election of a District Treasurer:

Nominations from the floor: Dennis Luft
Steve Jenks

Elected: Dennis Luft

The Church Reports were then shared by each church represented.

Rev. Janet Pierce reported on the Leadership Retreat to be held on July 11-13, 1986. A meeting place needs to be decided on and information given to Janet by 5/9/86.

The Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry talked about the AIDS VIGIL which is international and will be observed September 5, 6, 7, 1986. This will involve 50 hours of prayer. Information will be shared with each congregation.

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The Rev. Elder Dr. Troy Perry also shared about a PROM NIGHT that is going to be held to raise monies for aids.

D.C. Mary Moore asked for feedback from her recommendation about the "One-A-Day!" program. The conference felt they would rather look at this in the fall.

MOTION: Approve a recommendation from the Board of Home Missions regarding deaconate training. The recommendation reads as follows:
The names and the following information will be sent to the District Coordinator for those persons who have applied and been approved by the Board of a Commissioned Church (current study groups and missions) for information before approval or disapproval by the District Coordinator. The information should include the following:

1. A resume of the candidate's work, education and church history;
2. A paper by the candidate describing his/her call to the diaconate ministry.
3. An evaluation by the pastor of the candidate's skills, commitment, emotional health, and ability to perform in the selected area of specialization.
4. An outline of the training program developed for the candidate.

It is further recommended that all churches have the following as minimal training for the deaconate:

1. a study of Homosexuality and the Bible
2. theology, history, and practice of Holy Communion
3. how to conduct membership class including a section on UFMCC polity

MOVED: Galloway

SECOND: Fleschner

VOTE: Approved unanimously

MOTION: To adjourn the Spring District Conference

MOVED: Watson

SECOND: Charles

VOTE: Approved

THIS IS YOUR COPY OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FALL CONFERENCE.
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING THEM WITH YOU!!!!

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
GULF-LOWER ATLANTIC DISTRICT
OF THE UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP OF METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES

ARTICLE I. NAME AND BOUNDARIES

- A. The name of this body shall be the Gulf-Lower Atlantic District of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. The Gulf-Lower Atlantic District hereinafter called "the District" exists under the provisions of the by-laws of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, hereinafter called "the Fellowship". The by-laws of the Fellowship shall govern these Standard Operating Procedures and all actions taken by the District or its officers.
- B. The District shall comprise the states of Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee. Action of the General Conference of the Fellowship or the General Council of the Fellowship affecting the boundaries of this District shall automatically amend this section without specific District action.

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

- A. The purpose of this District is to encourage Christian fellowship and mutual cooperation, to enable and empower Christian ministry within our jurisdiction through the member congregations and bodies, and other objectives as set forth in the UFMCC By-Laws. (Article V C)

ARTICLE III. DOCTRINE, SACRAMENTS, AND RITES

- A. The doctrine, sacraments, and rites of this District shall be those of the Fellowship as stated in the Fellowship by-laws. (Article II B)

ARTICLE IV. MINISTRY

This District affirms the universal priesthood of all believers (I Peter 2:5-10). All members of the Church are called by God to a ministry of the Gospel of Christ in the Church and in the world. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV)

A. Clergy

1. Clergy are those called by God, authorized and legally recognized by the Fellowship to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacraments.
2. This District recognizes the right of the Fellowship to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the responsibilities, qualifications, credentials, and discipline of Fellowship clergy as specified in the Fellowship By-laws. (Article IV B)

B. Pastor

1. The pastor is that person responsible for the duties of teacher, preacher, spiritual leader, and counselor within a local church congregation.
2. Local chartered churches and local commissioned churches elect a pastor. It would be encouraged that a local commissioned church seek the assistance of the District Coordinator in securing a pastor. The pastor of a commissioned church must be approved by the District Coordinator and by the District Committee.
3. Pastors must be credentialed clergy in the Fellowship unless an exception is made by the District Committee. Exceptions will be approved for no more than one year at which time the District Committee will review the status. At the time of approval a covenant will be established between the applicant, local church and the District Committee.
4. This District recognizes the right of the Fellowship to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the qualifications, responsibilities, and termination of service of pastors as specified in the Fellowship By-laws. (Article V B 2)

C. Student Clergy

1. Student Clergy are those who feel called by God to prepare to serve among the people as professional ministers of the Word and Sacrament. For a limited time they may serve in this position to test their call and to develop needed skills.
2. This District recognizes the right of the Fellowship to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the responsibilities, qualifications, appointments, training and discipline of student clergy as specified in the Fellowship By-laws. (Article IV B 2).
3. *A copy of the CCCC application must be forwarded to the D.C. upon approval by the registration by student or local church authority.*
~~All applicants to the office of student clergy must submit applications pursuant to District guidelines to the District Coordinator.~~
4. If the need arises the District Coordinator may request ~~a~~ student clergy to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the Church Leadership Committee. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV B 2 f)

D. Deacon

1. Deacons are those who participate in the historic ministry of service and aid within a local church congregation, as outlined in the New Testament.
2. This District recognizes the right of the Fellowship to determine procedural matters and standards pertaining to the responsibilities, qualifications, appointments, training, and discipline of deacons as outlined in the Fellowship By-laws. (Article IV A 2).
3. *register*
~~All applicants to the office of deacons must submit applications pursuant to District guidelines to the District Coordinator.~~

- A. If the need arises the District Coordinator may request a deacon to serve for district work. This request is subject to approval of the appointing authority and the District Committee. (UFMCC By-laws, Article IV A 2 f)

ARTICLE V. GOVERNMENT AND OFFICERS

THE government of this District is vested in its District Conference which exerts the right to control all of its affairs subject to these Standard Operating Procedures and the By-laws of the Fellowship.

A. Church Leadership Committee

1. The Church Leadership Committee's purpose is to act in an advisory capacity to the District Committee.
2. The Church Leadership Committee shall be composed of a pastor from each church.
3. The chief items that this committee will address/discuss will be the initial review of church status, ^{and the} deaconate, student clergy ^{and} in-coming pastoral applicants. ~~The recommendations forthcoming will be given to the District Committee.~~ *of non-chartered churches*
4. The Church Leadership Committee shall meet immediately (not more than one week) prior to each District Conference in the city where the District Conference is to be held.
5. The District Coordinator shall serve as Moderator and the District Clerk will record the minutes and provide pertinent information to the District Committee.

6. *the CLC will be empowered to make recommendations to the DC ^{as far} as possible*
- B. District Committee

The District Committee is that body elected by the District Conference to carry on the administrative affairs of the District in an orderly manner between District Conferences. All actions of the District Committee must be reported to and approved by the District Conference except where specifically provided in these Standard Operating Procedures or By-laws. *If any action taken by the Dist. Comm. is not approved, such rectification as is possible must be undertaken by the Dist. Comm. with the full approval of the Dist. Conf. then meeting at the next following.*

The officers of the District shall be the District Committee and shall consist of a District Coordinator, an Assistant District Coordinator, a District Clerk, a District Treasurer, a District Lay Representative, and a ^{District} Clergy Representative.

a. District Coordinator

- (1) The District Coordinator shall be elected to a four year term at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years.
- (2) The District Coordinator will represent the District as a member of the General Council of the Fellowship. It shall also be the duty of the District Coordinator to: (a) provide spiritual direction and guidance, (b) act as Moderator at all District

Conferences and meetings, (c) represent the General Council within the District, ^{and help the District} (d) coordinate and administer the work of the District in achieving its purposes, and (e) assure, with the approval of the District Committee, that every church within the District is supplied with pastoral leadership. It shall be the right and duty of the District Coordinator, or any representative whom the District Coordinator may delegate, to visit all churches within the District at least once a year. The District Coordinator shall also serve as the chair of the District Committee.

- (3) To enable an orderly transfer of leadership/resources, the outgoing District Coordinator will meet at least once within the first month of the new District Coordinator's term for transference of records and training at the District expense.

b. Assistant District Coordinator

- (1) An Assistant District Coordinator shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years.
- (2) The Assistant District Coordinator assumes the chair at meetings of the District Conference or District Committee in the absence of the District Coordinator or at the District Coordinator's request. The Assistant District Coordinator shall perform other duties as deemed appropriate by the District Coordinator and/or the District Committee.
- (3) Additional persons (as many as are deemed necessary) may be appointed as Liaison Assistant District Coordinators with the approval of the District Committee.

c. District Clerk

- (1) The District Clerk shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years.
- (2) The District Clerk shall be responsible for: (a) the recording and ^{explanations} distribution of the minutes of the District business ^{prev.} meetings, including the District Committee and the Church Leadership Committee meetings, ^{for all voting members of the Conference} (b) for maintaining current lists of district committees and mailing lists, and (c) for keeping orderly files of District records and pertinent materials, including District statistical information. *(confid applies only to discussions & not decisions or actions)*
- (3) The District Clerk shall also be responsible for correspondence and other duties as deemed appropriate when mandated by the District Coordinator or the District Committee.

d. District Treasurer

- (1) The District Treasurer shall be elected to a two year term at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years.
- (2) The District Treasurer shall be responsible for: (a) the receipt

and safekeeping of all funds of the District, (b) the disbursing of funds as directed by the District Committee and in accordance with the budget adopted by the District Conference, (c) the keeping of accurate books of all accounts payable and accounts receivable, (d) the preparation of a monthly statement report which shall be sent to the District Coordinator and filed in the district records, and (e) the preparation of a quarterly statement report which shall be sent to members of the District Committee, to all district congregations through the clergy and lay delegates, and to the General Council. The District Treasurer shall present a financial report at each District Conference.

e. District Lay Representative

- (1) The Lay Representative of the District shall be elected for a two year term by the lay delegates present at the autumn District Conference in odd numbered years. ^{and confirmed by the ~~same~~ conference} A separate election for the Alternate Lay Representative will then be held at the same conference.
- (2) The District Lay Representative shall serve as the elected lay representative to the UFMCC Commission on Laity. The responsibilities of the Lay Representative shall include (a) educating and informing the laity on the function and activities of lay persons within this District by speaking/preaching, visiting, distributing printed materials, (b) acting as an advocate for the interests of the District's laity, and (c) serving as a member of the District Committee.

f. Clergy Representative

- (1) The Clergy Representative of the District shall be elected for a two year term by the clergy present at the autumn District Conference in even numbered years. ^{and confirmed by the ~~same~~ conference} A separate election for the Alternate Clergy Representative will then be held at the same conference.
- (2) The duties of the Clergy Representative will be to act as an advocate for the interests of the clergy in the district and to serve on the District Committee .

2. Responsibilities

The District Committee shall carry out the following responsibilities:

- a. propose a budget to the District Conference each year (autumn) and implement such a budget effective January 1 subsequent to when adopted;
- b. establish a procedure for formulating and distributing a tentative agenda to be mailed to all delegates, District Officers, and congregations at least thirty (30) days prior to the Conference;
- c. establish and make appointments to District committees and task

forces;

- d. carry out the directives of the District Conference and of the General Conference as appropriate;
- e. act upon petitions for commissioning and chartering based upon the recommendations by the Church Leadership Committee according to the procedures established by the District Conference;

- f. name the Board(s) of Trustees of any property acquired by the District; and

- g. perform other duties as specified in the Fellowship By-laws, the District Standard Operating Procedures, and/or the District Church Status Standards.

C. Liaisons Assistant District Coordinators

One Liaison Assistant District Coordinator will be appointed by the District Coordinator (approved by the District Committee) for every five (5) churches in the district.
congregations

The duties of the Liaison Assistant District Coordinators are: (a) facilitation of unity among the churches, (b) representation of the District in local church matters, (c) front-line intercession, and (d) representation of local church matters to the District Committee.

The Liaison Assistant District Coordinators are ex-officio members of the District Committee.

D. District Representatives to Fellowship Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Institutions

1. General Council

- a. The District Coordinator shall represent the District on the General Council of the Fellowship as specified in the Fellowship By-laws. (Article V D 3)
- b. The election and responsibilities of the District Coordinator are as specified in the District Standard Operating Procedures. (Article V B 1 a)

2. Commission on the Laity

- a. The District Lay Representative shall represent the District on the Commission on the Laity as specified in the Fellowship By-laws. (Article V C 3 b (4))
- b. The election and responsibilities are as specified in the District Standard Operating Procedures. (Article V B 1 e)

3. Fellowship Commission of Faith, Fellowship, and Order

- a. The District shall elect one Lay and one Clergy Representative to the

h. all work of the District Committee will be reported to and approved by the Dist. Conf. at half-yearly intervals. Any actions which are not approved will be subject to review, clarification & rectification insofar as possible, at the request of the Dist. Conf.

Fellowship Commission of Faith, Fellowship, and Order, and their alternates, for two year terms at the District Conference business meeting immediately following General Conference.

- b. Representatives shall attend Commission meetings whenever possible, present FFO Workshops at District meetings when workshops are available, and serve this District as required by the Commission.

4. Third World Ministries.

- a. The District shall elect a Third World Ministries Representative and an alternate for two year terms at the District Conference business meeting immediately following General Conference.
- b. The Representative shall attend meetings whenever possible, share information with the District and provide workshops when available to the District.

5. Elders Nominating Committee.

- a. The District shall elect one Lay and one Clergy Representative to the Elders Nominating Committee, and their alternates, at the business meeting immediately prior to General Conference for terms expiring at the end of the election of the Elders.
- b. Prior to General Conference, these Representatives shall collect input from District congregations on possible nominees for the Board of Elders.

E. All District Committee members, District Representatives, and appointed or elected staff must be, ^{MEMBERS} in good standing, ^{OF LOCAL CHURCH BODIES} within the District during their term of office. The discipline of these positions shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Fellowship By-laws. (Article V C 2 c)

F. No District officer or representative may hold more than one District position at any one time.

G. All District Committee Officers shall submit written reports on the fulfillment of their duties which will be included in the conference packets.

H. Vacancies

1. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Coordinator, the Assistant District Coordinator will serve as Acting District Coordinator until the next District Conference at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.
2. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Assistant District Coordinator, the District Committee shall appoint an interim Assistant District Coordinator to serve until the next District Conference at which time an election shall be held to fill the unexpired term.
3. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Clerk, the District Committee shall appoint an interim District Clerk to serve until the next regularly scheduled District Conference at which time a person shall be

elected to fill the remainder of the regular term of office.

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4. If a vacancy occurs in the office of District Treasurer, the District Committee shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy until the next regularly scheduled District Conference at which time a person shall be elected to fill the remainder of the regular term of office.
 5. If a vacancy occurs in the office of Lay Representative of the District, the person who is the Alternate Lay Representative shall fill the remainder of the term. An Alternate Lay Representative will be elected at the next District Conference. Should both the position of representative and alternate be vacant, the District Committee shall appoint Lay Representatives. ~~The appointments shall stand for confirmation at the next District Conference.~~
ELECTION
 6. If a vacancy occurs on the District Committee, in the position of Clergy Representative, the Alternate Clergy Representative shall fill the remainder of the term. A new alternate, as appropriate, shall be elected at the next District Conference. Should both the position of representative and alternate be vacant, the District Committee shall appoint Clergy Representatives. ~~The appointments shall stand for confirmation at the next District Conference.~~
ELECTION
 7. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Representative to FFO, the Alternate Lay or Clergy Representative shall fill the remainder of the term and new alternates shall be elected at the next business meeting. Should both the position of representative and alternate be vacant, the District Committee shall appoint Lay/Clergy Representatives. ~~The appointments shall stand for confirmation at the next District Conference.~~
ELECTION
 8. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Third World Ministries Representative, the Alternate Representative shall fill the remainder of the term and a new alternate shall be elected at the next business meeting. Should both the position of representative and alternate be vacant, the District Committee shall appoint representatives. ~~The appointments shall stand for confirmation at the next District Conference.~~
ELECTION
 9. If a vacancy occurs in the position of Representative to the Elders Nominating Committee, Alternate Lay/Clergy Representatives shall fill the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

- A. The District Conference shall be held twice a year, one in the spring and one in the autumn, dates to be set at least 18 months in advance. The spring conference ~~shall~~ be primarily for fellowship and spiritual renewal; the autumn conference shall also include elections and business.
- B. The place of the spring conference shall be determined at the previous spring conference. The place of the autumn conference shall be determined at the previous autumn conference.
- C. Special District Conferences may be called as specified in the By-laws of the

Fellowship (Article IX B). The call of such a conference shall specify the date and place of the meeting and the subject(s) to be considered. It shall be the responsibility of the District Clerk to provide thirty (30) days written notice of such a call to all voting members of the District Conference. Only business specified in the call of the meeting shall be considered.

- Quorum*
- D. A District Conference shall consist of no less than fifty-five (55) percent of all eligible clergy and fifty-five (55) percent of all eligible lay delegates of the District. *an elig. lay delegate shall be from a church having a church letter that is due by the 10th of the month. These have been reported by the Dist. Fellowship by the 10th.*
- E. The program and agenda for all District Conferences must be approved and distributed by the District Committee 30 days prior to the conference. (GLAD SOP'S Article V B 2)
- exceptions will be made when a good faith effort shall have been made*
- F. Rules of procedure at a District Conference business meeting shall be those of the most recent General Conference of the Fellowship. It shall be the *re* prerogative of the moderator, unless overruled by a majority vote of the eligible voting delegates, to permit persons to speak to an issue even if they are not elected representatives of the District church bodies or Fellowship clergy affiliated with the District.
- G. The District Coordinator shall have the responsibility of providing reasonable opportunity for the introduction of new business from the floor except at a Special District Conference.
- H. The budget of the District must be approved and distributed by the District Committee not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the District Conference.
- I. All Fellowship clergy who are members of local church bodies in the District shall be entitled to speak and to vote. Each church shall be entitled to the number of voting delegates according to the By-laws of the Fellowship (Article V B 4) and members of the District Committee shall have a voice and vote in their respective houses.
- J. Lay members of the Fellowship shall be eligible for election to any office of the District, in accordance with the Fellowship By-laws (Article V C 3) and District Standard Operating Procedures, with the exception of the Clergy Representatives to the District Committee *and Clergy Reps.*
- for which they are qualified*
- K. The costs of a District Conference shall be borne by the District which may recoup any or all of these costs through a registration fee. The District will be responsible for paying the registration costs, housing, transportation, and per diem of its District Committee members. *transportation* This will be put into effect gradually with the District being responsible in the Fall of 1986, for registration and transportation costs of the District Committee members. In the Spring of 1987, the District will pay registration, transportation, and housing costs. In the Fall of 1987, the District will pay the registration, transportation, housing and per diem costs of its District Committee members, *except*
- and NOT THE PRIOR RESP. OF A LOCAL CHURCH BODY*
- L. With the exception of the Sunday worship service, all offerings shall be collected immediately by the District Treasurer and shall be considered District funds. Profits realized through the sales of books and/or items by

any congregation belong to the congregation offering the item(s).

- M. All conference materials, agendas, budgets, reports, etc., shall be mailed to all non-voting conference registrants who register ^{14 days} one month or more prior to the conference. Voting delegates will receive their packets thirty (30) days in advance. District newsletters and Treasurer's reports are not included in conference materials. These items are to be photocopied by the lay representative and made available to each member of their local congregation upon receipt (monthly and quarterly respectively).

ARTICLE VII. FINANCES

- A. Each congregation is required to contribute to the District, on a monthly basis, a minimum of five (5) percent of all collected funds, except recognized designated funds in accordance with the Fellowship By-laws (Article X B) by the 10th of each month. ~~Each local church shall send a copy of the record of this contribution to the appropriate Liaison Assistant District Coordinator.~~ These monies will be used by the District to help expand Christian outreach and defray District administrative costs.
- B. When conducting official District business; housing costs, per diem, and travel costs of the District Coordinator, the Assistant District Coordinator, or other persons officially representing the District shall be paid on the basis of either actual cost of plane, train, bus, or mileage at the current IRS business mileage rate or that reasonable amount approved through the budgeting process of the District. Such costs shall be reimbursed only if approved in advance by the District Conference, the District Committee, or by the District Coordinator.

ARTICLE VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Permanent District files shall be maintained in the custody of the District Coordinator and the District Clerk.
- B. The District Coordinator shall appoint a Parliamentarian for each District business session.
- C. It is the policy of this District, whenever possible, to maintain a parity of clergy and laity, with geographic representation, inclusive of differently abled, race and gender on committees, task forces, and working groups.
- D. ^{No} Neither District Coordinator, ^{office} ~~nor~~ local chartered church office, ^{or Church mailing address} may be in private homes. ~~All local church address shall be a post office box and or mail service.~~
- E. Monthly statistical reports shall be submitted to the District Treasurer ~~and the respective Liaison Assistant District Coordinator~~ by the 10th of each month.

ARTICLE IX. APPROVAL AND AMMENDMENTS OF THESE POWERS

- A. These Standard Operating Procedures shall come into effect when they are adopted by the District Conference on an interim basis and finalized when ratified by the General Council. Two-thirds of the voting clergy and two-thirds of the voting laity shall be necessary to adopt these Standard Operating Procedures.

- B. These Standard Operating Procedures may be amended or repealed on an article-by-article basis at any duly convened meeting of the District Conference. They shall be proposed in writing and distributed to all voting delegates at least thirty (30) days prior to the District Conference by any District Officer, any Fellowship credentialed clergy, any lay delegate, or the Board of any local church group. To be adopted, any amendment or change to these procedures must be approved by two-thirds of the voting clergy and two-thirds of the voting laity. Amendments become effective when ratified by the General Council.

EDITORIAL COMMENT: As we work together to accomplish God's government in this District, "[we] must be made new in mind and spirit, and put on the new nature of God's creating, which shows itself in the just and devout life called for by the truth. Then throw off falsehood; speak the truth to each other, for all of us are the parts of one body. If you are angry, do not let anger lead you into sin; do not let sunset find you still nursing it; leave no loop-hole for the devil...No bad language must pass your lips, but only what is good and helpful to the occasion, so that it brings a blessing to those who hear it. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, for that Spirit is the seal with which you were marked for the day of our final liberation. Have done with spite and passion, all angry shouting and cursing, and bad feeling of every kind.

Be generous to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.

In a word, as God's dear ones, try to be like God, and live in love as Christ loved you..." Ephesians 4:23-5:1

May we remember that we are about God's business...



Gulf Lower Atlantic District UFMCC

St. Jude's Church
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Friends,

November 1, 1986

Individually and collectively we were saddened to learn of your decision to withdraw from the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. We regret that a different solution has not been found.

Our overriding concern, at this point, is to assure you that we know all of us are part of God's Family and our love for you remains intact, strong and constant. We very much want continued, open communication and we rejoice at the prospect of future interaction with you.

While we are grieved by your decision, it is our fervent prayer that your ministry and presence in Columbia be a source of hope and healing for all our brothers and sisters.

Sincerely yours,

The Board of Home Missions
Gulf and Lower Atlantic District

